

GAME MANUAL

SHADOW EMPIRE



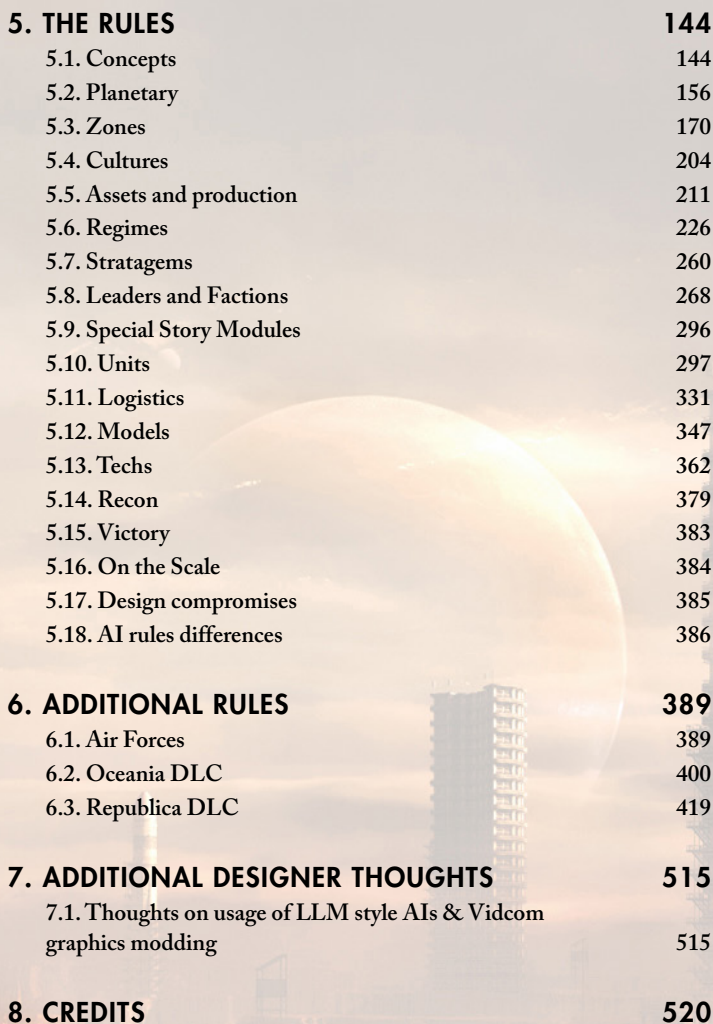
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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

OS: Windows 8, Windows 10 (64 bit only)

Processor: 1.5 GHZ

Memory: 4 GB RAM

Graphics: 8MB video memory

Storage: 500 MB available space

Sound Card: DirectX Compatible 9 Sound Card

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1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome!

The Introduction chapter introduces you to the game, gives a personal word from the author and also includes some standard product paragraphs and disclaimers you'll find in any game manual. This manual is divided in five parts.

First of all this introductory chapter.

The second part is on the lore of the game universe. It's included to provide a background to the game universe.

The third part is on the interface. It goes over all the screens and windows and explains what most buttons do and most graphics signify.

The fourth part is on how to play. It tries to take a high-level approach (as opposed to chapters 3 and 5) and give you some sound advice on how to survive and prosper in *Shadow Empire*.

And the fifth part is on the actual rules. It is the longest chapter as well as the most detailed one.

In December 2020, Air Forces were added to the game. The relevant documentation has been added in a new section called "Additional Rules."

1.1. YOUR CHALLENGE

It is the year 8200.

More or less. It could be the year 8300 too. You are not 100% sure...

A huge Galactic Republic that existed for millennia and that comprised tens of thousands of planets has completely collapsed. Civilisation and technology fell from its apex to a post-apocalyptic low point.

It has now been several hundred years since the Dissolution War destroyed all human civilisation.

For you this "Galactic Republic" is just a distant and vague memory. All you have known in your life is hardship and war.

Chances are you'll be on a planet where water is more expensive than fuel and where even the air is toxic. Maybe you like to wonder what is out there between the stars? Even if you did... there is no practical use for that now. You have a much more important task at hand.

You have been given the opportunity to lead the small city state that you call home and that you have always served with honour.

With very meagre resources, enemies on all sides and situated on a (probably) hostile hellhole of a planet you have a very tough challenge ahead of you.

And (most) people are looking up to you for protection, the poor would like to stay alive and the powerful would like a road to power and glory. Can you make your people climb the ladder of civilisation and technology once again?

Can you keep your empire alive against the hostile forces beyond your borders?

Can you organize a government, an economy and a military?

Can you conquer and re-unite the Planet?

It is a daunting task, but plenty of opportunities and discoveries await.

Your subjects are standing by to receive your orders....

1.2. WORD FROM THE DESIGNER

Shadow Empire puts you in the seat of the supreme ruler of a small nation destined for greatness and reconquering the Planet. Or so you hope...

You have Leaders to help you govern your Zones, administer your Organizations and lead your armies. You'll also have Stratagems available that you can play on various targets.

It is in essence a game about military conquest, but you will also engage in diplomacy, budgets, organizational management, your economy, infrastructure, design and many more details.

The game has a very procedural design that will ensure re-playability and experimentation. Not only are the Planets procedurally generated, also the equipment you are fighting with is.

A separate system for discovery of Techs, Formation Types and Model Types and their research/development also ensures that you'll have to work with different playing pieces each game.

The game universe is designed to evoke the feeling of being on another planet in some dark future, but at the same time to stay familiar. It is a game that does not deny it is a game, but it has a strong thematic focus on keeping things relatively realistic.

The mechanics are complex and diverse, but it is not necessary to understand everything in order to play. In fact the philosophy is to allow somewhat effective play even without touching the majority of the systems. This should help get new players into the game at the start.

For a strategy game there is a relatively strong role-playing angle where you'll need to keep your Leaders happy in order for them to do their jobs well and not get any ideas of rebellion.

There is a lot of potential micro management to engage in and to offset this the game has Stratagems that allow sweeping actions by just clicking the 'Execute Stratagem' button. This allows a mental break from the micro-management stuff, for helping the player get out of a fix and enforcing the thematics as well.

This game is one of the most ambitious games I ever made. It has grown complex and that is why it took years to build and probably will take a few years more to completely fine-tune (don't be afraid, all complex games need a few more years to fine-tune, I am just stating it honestly).

However the result is a very rich experience and a unique game that is no cookie-cutter of something you have already seen before.

Due to the nature of the complexity of the game there are no editors provided. I know some people love this, but I assure you it is too complicated to bend your head around. I might see if I can add some content-addition editors in the future. But that is as far as my promises on editors will go. If you like modding, take a look at Advanced Tactics Gold or the Decisive Campaigns Community Project.

I am happy you decided to support me and buy *Shadow Empire*. I hope you'll enjoy the game. Feel free to drop into the forums or on my website to share your experiences with me.

Shadow Empire is already a really big game, but there remains much potential to add more features to it. If and when any extension of the game happens will depend on the interest the game generates among the players. But I am hopeful this will become the start of a long friendship.

Happy explorations!

Best wishes,
Vic, Mid 2020

1.2.1. ANOTHER WORD FROM THE DESIGNER, LATE 2023


At the moment of writing, it is now more than three years since the original and initial Matrix release of *Shadow Empire*.

The number of patches, additions and upgrades applied to *Shadow Empire* since release have been staggering in quantity and scope. I have to admit I have never been so enthusiastic about doing continued work on an already released game.

With *Oceania* I even launched my first DLC ever and hope to follow up with at least one more DLC in the future. Note that I am putting in at least as much hard work into upgrading the Core Game as in doing DLC work. The current major new Core Game version 1.25 has been in the works for almost half a year for example.

The version 1.25 overhaul brings many changes that make the game more interesting, more diverse and more challenging. With the modeling of water salinity, dissolved heavy metals, PH levels (acidity-alkalinity), notably Food and Water production will not be as obvious on many Planets anymore. Ammo-usage has been completely revamped, resulting in making, especially offensive, warfare with heavy and/or mechanized equipment quite expensive and a logistical challenge. On the contrary: Infantry has now become relatively much more economical to use. Energy weapons, once developed, will still be powerful, but Ammo-based weaponry should not be ditched that lightly anymore, especially on Planets with low air pressure and/or gravity. Ensuring adequate Energy production, especially in the early game, will also be more challenging. The Tech Tree has received an additional 20 Techs, including Furnaces, Ammo Factories, Landmines, Ablat Coating and Techs to obtain Hide Points for your Models.

The version 1.25 overhaul also brings completely new features. As the Battle Report, that is accessible through the History Window and it allows you to inspect the battles fought during the other player's turns in much more detail than previously. There is now also a Blue Prints feature that allows you to design new Models with a much better interface, especially if you like experimenting with all the possible variations. The Private Economy has been reworked and the addition of Farmsteads and the ability of your



Population to go into debt will now allow very small groups of Population to eventually scratch out a viable living in a new Zone.

And the Artificial Intelligence (AI) has received a lot of love as well and should prove more of a challenge than in v1.20. Notably it is handling its economy better, more likely to use Tanks and it is also able to use its Air Forces now.

I wanted to update this manual not only to sing my own praise, but especially to take the opportunity to thank the larger *Shadow Empire* community. The hundreds, if not thousands, of issues posted in the Tech Forums over the years have made it possible to polish *Shadow Empire* to a very high degree. All the discussions about the mechanics in the forums, wish lists, YouTube videos and the balance issues found notably by PBEM players organized on Discord have helped me balance and fine tune the game more and more. Without you it would not have been possible to get *Shadow Empire* where it is today! A big thank you to all of you who took the effort to bring me feedback!

And let's see if we can get *Shadow Empire* even better in the years to come. Many plans still remain on the drawing board. Enjoy the game and see you on the Matrix or Steam forums!

Best wishes,
Vic

2. THE GAME UNIVERSE

This chapter only contains lore. It will help you with immersion into the game, but it is definitely an optional read.

When you start a game you'll find yourself the ruler of a tiny empire on a planet that is obviously not our own Earth.

How did you end up there?

It is time to take a brief look at the history of humankind between the 3rd and 9th millennia.

2.1. THE TIMELINE

So we start our history on a planet called Earth in the time of late industrialisation... The 21st century.

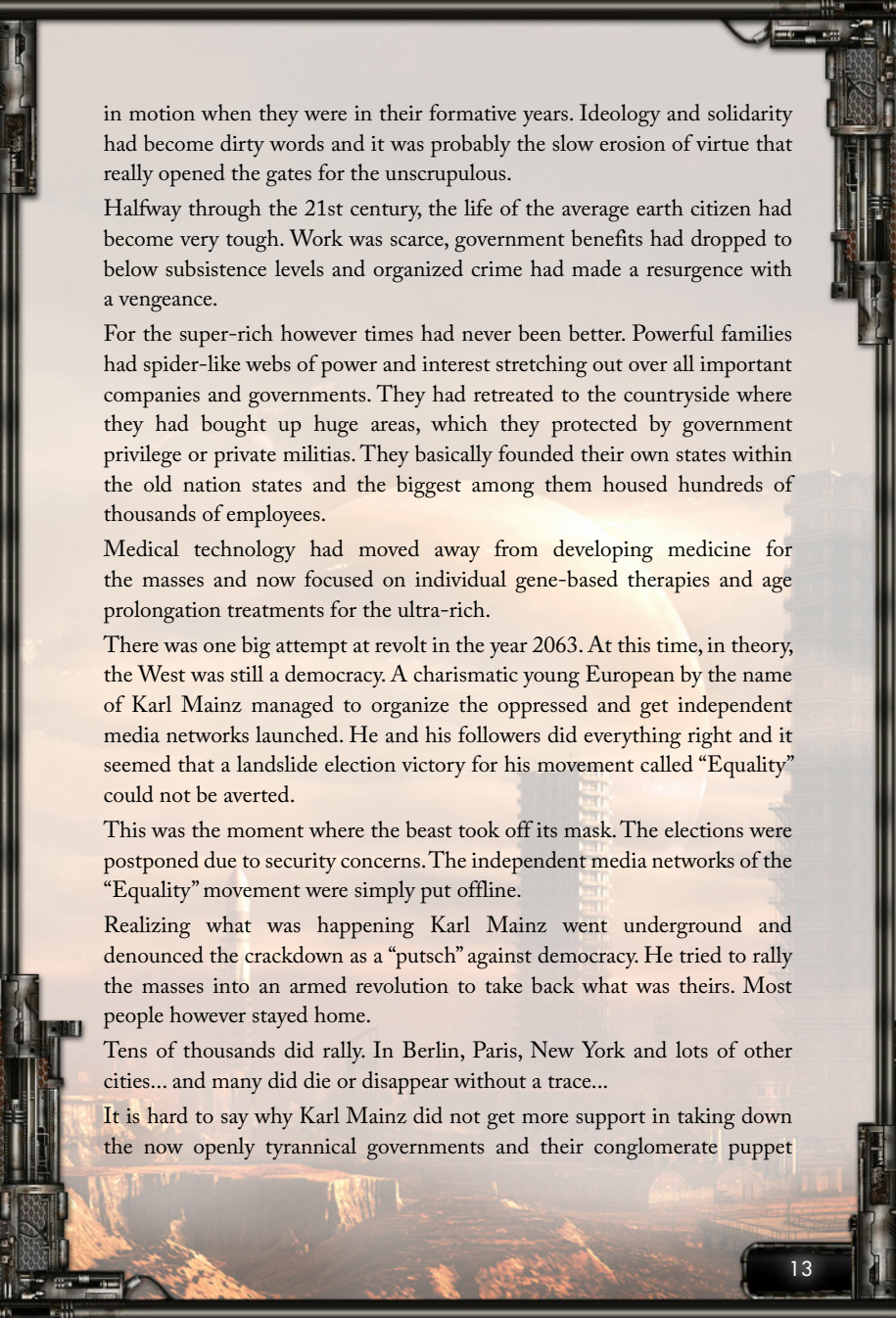
2.1.1. THE END OF US

In the late 20th and early 21st century, societies on Earth started changing. Not suddenly, but gradually. An older generation was slowly fading away and younger generations took over. The essence of what made the once fully free and democratic societies great seemed to have slipped between the fingers of their citizens.

Slowly but surely the once democratic parties started to become more oligarchic in nature and more and more intertwined with big business and big media. Equality before the law became something for the rich. Enterprise became impossible if you were small. Freedom of speech remained with the people for quite some time but only because the voices not worth listening to could easily be marginalized.

It was a new age of the super rich. The remaining middle was partly co-opted in the elite class, while its majority sunk into the ever increasing underclass. Governments started decreasing their level of activity due to the combination of mass unemployment, decreasing revenues and ever rising welfare costs.

The loss of equality and freedom was so gradual that the new generations just did not really notice what was happening since the process was already



in motion when they were in their formative years. Ideology and solidarity had become dirty words and it was probably the slow erosion of virtue that really opened the gates for the unscrupulous.

Halfway through the 21st century, the life of the average earth citizen had become very tough. Work was scarce, government benefits had dropped to below subsistence levels and organized crime had made a resurgence with a vengeance.

For the super-rich however times had never been better. Powerful families had spider-like webs of power and interest stretching out over all important companies and governments. They had retreated to the countryside where they had bought up huge areas, which they protected by government privilege or private militias. They basically founded their own states within the old nation states and the biggest among them housed hundreds of thousands of employees.

Medical technology had moved away from developing medicine for the masses and now focused on individual gene-based therapies and age prolongation treatments for the ultra-rich.

There was one big attempt at revolt in the year 2063. At this time, in theory, the West was still a democracy. A charismatic young European by the name of Karl Mainz managed to organize the oppressed and get independent media networks launched. He and his followers did everything right and it seemed that a landslide election victory for his movement called "Equality" could not be averted.

This was the moment where the beast took off its mask. The elections were postponed due to security concerns. The independent media networks of the "Equality" movement were simply put offline.

Realizing what was happening Karl Mainz went underground and denounced the crackdown as a "putsch" against democracy. He tried to rally the masses into an armed revolution to take back what was theirs. Most people however stayed home.

Tens of thousands did rally. In Berlin, Paris, New York and lots of other cities... and many did die or disappear without a trace...

It is hard to say why Karl Mainz did not get more support in taking down the now openly tyrannical governments and their conglomerate puppet

masters. It seemed the great majority of the people just valued their own safety above a restoration of the freedoms of the 20th century.

Emboldened by their success in crushing the opposition and the absence of willpower among their sympathizers, there was now no stopping the powers that were.

All pretence of rule of law was ended. National governments were stripped of most remaining power and basically became responsible for managing the great ghettos of Earth. The different national military forces either ceased existing or came under the direct command of the different commercial-industrial families and oligarchies.

It was the birth of the thousand years of peace.

2.1.2. THE THOUSAND YEARS OF PEACE

During the following centuries, the new world order proved itself incredibly stable. The poor struggled, worked and died in the now sprawling ghettos and the oligarchs and their cadres enjoyed an era of great technological growth and ecological recovery.

Power arrangements between the most powerful used to have been a shady and secretive affair in the 21st century, but in the 22nd century the shame and fear of public outrage had turned into a burning pride and it was in the year 2126 that the Earth Directorate Board (EDB) was formed.

During the remainder of the 22nd century all the rivalling families and oligarchies were brought into a new order resembling a grand feudal system. In the beginning the board functioned like a “primus inter pares”, a first among equals, but as time went by it got more and more powerful.

It was eventually in the late 23rd century that the Rule of Law (oh irony..) was officially introduced. Its main law was that every territory on the planet was given in administration to a specific corporation, oligarchy or family. The most powerful families manned the Board with “directors” and the less powerful schemed to improve their positions and get their family on the board as well.

In the meantime the living conditions of the common people had improved a lot. Increased centralization and the creation of the new territorial power bases for the corporate families had decreased military and economic conflict and increased stability and living standards.

By this time the 20th century was a long lost memory only kept alive by a few fringe philosophers. Nobody cared any more about the abstract concepts of “freedom” and “equality”. These words were as alien to the people of the 23rd century as medieval meanings as “honor” and “chivalry” were alien to the people of the 20th century. The metamorphosis of the societies of Earth was complete.

One rose up in the ranks by obedience, capability and luck. And even if you had all three it still took many generations to move from the bottom to the top. Patience, endurance and acceptance had become the new virtues of the masses. Technological advances slowed down until the tech levels got to a point of almost absolute stasis in the 25th century. People born in these centuries could see the 100 years of their lives pass by without noting any changes in culture, society or technology.

It was normal for post-25th century historians and philosophers to claim that the “Rule of Law” was eternal and nothing would ever change again.

Of course these philosophers were wrong. The system was remarkably stable, but as we all know: given enough time everything will change. Mountains will erode and suns will eventually burn through their last drop of Hydrogen...

The change started around the beginning of the 4th millennium. New generations of oligarchs had begun their rebellion against their parents by preferring science positions above management positions. They grouped in competitive societies and were once again spurring on research and making many new discoveries.

Their new culture of science obsession gradually became mainstream. Persuasion to adopt this new scientific culture was much aided by the profits some of these new scientifically successful families were generating.

2.1.3. THE COLONIZATION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

It was like a dragon had awakened. Territories and families that didn't keep up in the tech race soon found themselves sidelined on the EDB.

Although the renewed sense of ambition to bring change initially developed strictly under the new scientists it was soon spilling over... As a virus it jumped from the laboratories into the management rooms and military HQs.

And real ambition is ambition for power. You need to expand to get more power. But where to expand too? Take the holdings of other families? Break the Rule of Law? Nobody dared. A thousand years of peace had been maintained by this time and the idea of full scale armed conflict was almost considered heretical (although admittedly small scale raiding, inter-family feuding and proxy conflicts were still rather commonplace).

It was the year 3196 that United Industries (the Burton-Bright family) launched the first manned spacecraft in a 1,000 years. They and only a small number of other corporations (like Cassiopeia Conglomerate as well as the Wu family) took possession of the whole solar system in a matter of decades. From Mercury all the way to the Kuiper Belt, everywhere in the solar system human colonies and mining operations were being established.

It is important to stress the enormous shock of this sudden expansion and the resulting shifts in the power balance after centuries of stability.

Initially the majority of the EDB, the families without space tech, reacted to these space endeavours with scorn and laughter. However, when it became clear how much wealth and growth could be gotten in the vastness of the solar system they became envious. Very envious...

Many of these powers started up their own breakneck speed space programs, often at extremely high costs. But when they arrived on the far shores of the solar system they found that all real-estate of any value had already been claimed.

2.1.4. THE 1ST SYSTEM WAR

The hatred, frustration and envy of the families that had missed out finally turned to its only possible outlet: WAR!

The most powerful of the earth-bound corporations, families and nations conspired together into what later was to be known as the Earth League.

In the year 3270, the Earth League unleashed an overwhelming offensive on the Earth-based assets of the space corporations. Within days their holdings were neutralized or obliterated. The defeat of United Industries and the other space bound families and corporations on Earth was complete.

However the situation was the reverse off-planet. Here the space corporations retaliated immediately by taking possession of the handful of Earth League installations and nuking Infinity City on the Moon.

A stalemate developed in the years following the start of hostilities. The space corporations bound together under the leadership of United Industries and formed their own league: the Space League. The remaining independents on Earth were battered or threatened into collaboration with the Earth League. The EDB was for all intents and purposes replaced by a semi-secret small council staffed only by the leaders of the most powerful of the Earth League families and corporations.

The Earth League knew it was technologically behind, but it had one big asset: Earth. The production and man-power on Earth was enormous compared to what the young space colonies could muster. After several brutal 10-year plans, the Earth League military had managed to build up an enormous space fleet and unleashed it early in the 34th century.

What followed was 200 years of constant war. The war took a long time because of the distances involved. In the first half of the war the balance shifted every decade but eventually in the later part of the war, the production power of Earth changed the tide of the war permanently. Between the years 3,400 and 3,500 the Space League lost asteroid after asteroid and planet after planet and was starting to fight a prolonged retrograde operation.

Eventually in the year 3,611, after the conquest of Neptune and her moons, the Earth League claimed full victory. This was also the year that the Terran Empire was officially founded.

The small council that had been ruling Earth during the entire war appointed its first Emperor: Constantine I.

The remnants of the Space League had been fragmented by the constant defeats but had continued to fight on from the Kuiper Belt and, during the 2nd system war around 3750-3780, temporarily also from the Asteroid Belt. Over the centuries that followed, the Terran Empire slowly evolved in a completely centralized and totally tyrannical state.

The Space League remnants (or the Remnant Clans as they called themselves by this time) managed to survive out in the immense vastness of the Kuiper Belt.

2.1.5. DISCOVERY OF THE WARP DRIVE

Although the Terran Empire made great progress in the sciences, especially genetics, cybernetics and in creating extremely advanced AIs (it was even

rumoured the last Emperor was an AI himself), it was the Remnant Clans that made the biggest discovery of all.

If it was the hardship that made them more creative, or if it was pure luck, or a combination, nobody will ever know. But the Remnant Clans managed to invent and build the first warp capable spaceships. It was around the year 4,000 that the clans started emigrating to the stars.

At this time the Remnant Clans had all but stopped fighting space guerilla operations against the Terran Empire. This happened at a time when there had been no contact between the Terran Empire and the Remnant Clans for centuries.

That was the reason the Terran Empire only found out (by chance!) what was happening 10 years after the first successful warp voyage. The Terran Empire was shocked into action and their full attention and immense power was now turned towards the outer fringes of the solar system.

Imperial historians called this the 3rd System War, but honestly... it was not much of a war.

Every time the mighty Terran Empire space fleet had drawn up its battle lines to assault a Remnant Clan they had to watch their enemy disappear into big bright lights of singularity when warp drives fired and carried their Remnant Clans out of the Sol System.

To Alpha Centauri, to Sirius, to hundreds of other systems. The Terran Empire fleet had no way to pursue them. They did not manage to capture a single warp drive ship from the Clans...

The Terran Empire made sure word of the migration of the Remnant Clans did not get out.

Only the highest level Directors were allowed to know and live.

2.1.6. TERRAN EMPIRE IN DECLINE

Over the centuries that followed the exodus of the Remnant Clans, the Terran Empire slowly changed even more for the worse and was becoming an evermore unpleasant place to live. Even with the most powerful AIs ever designed at its service it had not succeeding in repeating the discovery of the warp drive.

The constant fear that the Remnant Clans would multiply their numbers greatly and return one day turned the subsequent emperors bitter and paranoid.

Slowly halfway through the 5th millennium the rot really set in. Technological progress stagnated once more and knowledge started to fade away. A slow bureaucratic rot had set in as well. Once splendid extra-planetary colonies like Europa and Io were abandoned, populations and morale declined across the board.

2.1.7. THE GALACTIC REPUBLIC

In the meantime the Remnant Clans had colonized over a hundred different systems and had bided their time, only sending occasional single observation crafts to the outskirts of Sol every decade or so. In the 50th century they judged the time ripe to finally overthrow the Terran Empire and exact their vengeance.

They returned in force. Their space armada must have been over 10 times the size of the Imperial Fleet.

The dispirited Imperials of the still existing Terran Empire fought unexpectedly stubbornly. The last battle was bitter. So bitter that most of Earth and the solar system were completely destroyed.

Nobody knows what happened to the last emperor Nicodemus III. All evidence and record of what the Terran Empire had been up to before and during the battles was lost in nuclear fire.

The descendants of the Remnant Clans went on to found the Galactic Republic in the year 5111.

Under the supervision of the Galactic Senate, a great expansion took place. Outward they went from their core worlds. 1,000s upon 1,000s of systems were colonized and explored. And eventually they got connected by starlanes.

Under the Galactic Republic there were more than 2,000 years of peace and prosperity.

The Galactic Republic was a predominantly human empire. Any alien space-faring empires were either bypassed or destroyed (if they were proven violent). These alien empires encountered were initially relatively small until the contacts made during 7th to 8th millennium.

Some of the lesser developed alien races developed culturally during their “occupation”, some of these species acquired full citizenship of the Galactic Republic, some tried to fight guerrilla wars, some gained independence and their own system(s).

The empire resembled a shape not unlike that of a wheel of Swiss cheese. The holes in this cheese are representing the alien cultures.

2.1.8. THE CREATION OF THE SHADOW

While the Terran Empire was isolated for over a thousand years, the successive emperors allocated increasing amounts of resources towards the research for eternal life.

This led to the development of a nano cloud construct technology; systems of tiny machines that each held a quantum-processing core. When constructed in large enough quantities they allowed for the downloading (actually copying) of a human conscience in them.

However, this technology was extremely expensive and took centuries to complete. It was eventually emperor Anubis (600 years before Nicodemus III) who was the first to have his conscious copied into a so-called Shadow Cloud by a process called Reversed Animation. His Shadow Cloud was kept in stasis during his human life as he belatedly realized his conscience had not actually been transferred but copied and he was terrified to be confronted with a superior version of himself. Upon his death he nonetheless transferred power to his Shadow Cloud instead of to one of his children.

All emperors that followed Anubis were mere puppets of his Shadow Cloud.

2.1.9. THE SLOW DOWN

It was in the 8th millennium that the Galactic Republic’s continued expansion outwards started to slow down. The first cause for this slowdown was the encounter with several strong alien dominions that blocked obvious routes to further human expansion.

The second cause was that UCM Drive technological development had reduced to a snail’s pace.

As the empire became bigger there was less and less interest for the interior systems to focus on expansion as the time needed to reach unclaimed planets was becoming ever longer.

The combination of these effects was that the powerful families, giant companies and wealthy individuals of the interior systems increasingly started focusing their ambitions on manipulating the Galactic Senate and increasing their power at the cost of other groups.

The masses organized in the Syndic faction and blamed the Galactic Republic as a whole for the increasingly dysfunctional senate.

The rich did the same by organizing themselves in the Reformist faction, blaming the Syndics and the Galactic Republic for spreading chaos and endangering the wealth and stability they had accumulated.

Anger and greed led to strife and strife led to conflict.

2.1.10. THE GALACTIC REPUBLIC'S POLITICS AND ECONOMY

In order to properly understand the coming Dissolution War you need to know a bit more of the core economy of the Galactic Republic at the end of the 8th millennium.

At this time, the Galactic Republic was at the pinnacle of its power (or just over it). It stretched over a 1,000 light years from one end to the other. Travelling from a frontier system to the capitol world of Keppler Capitol with the most high tech UCM Drive using star-lanes would take one almost 20 years.

Local planets had their own governments and planetary senates. They sent one or more physical senators to the Sector senate.

Sector capitol planets had thus their own physical sector senates with 100s of senators from all the planets in the sector.

The Galactic Senate was virtual and had senators from all sectors represented... 10,000s of them.

It was not a slow system since information could travel real time using the misunderstood Quantum Transmitter Technology (QTT - not suitable for actual solid matter, but entanglement principle ensured instant communication).

To comprehend the economy in the 8th millennium one has to realise that in this high tech era a lot of basic products were easily producible locally on every planet or within the system or sector.

Examples of local planet-to-planet trade are raw materials, food and local specializations like luxury products, industrial products, vehicles, simple spaceships and/or custom genetic products.

However, as with any advanced technology, even in the 8th millennium, the complexity involved with the highest tech resulted in a lot of specialization and a high level of interplanetary trade. The Galactic Republic had an interconnected economy on a massive scale.

2.1.11. THE DISSOLUTION WAR

As the first planet-versus-sector and sector-versus-sector wars started, caused by extremist factions winning control of local senates as well as some coups... and the first liquid energy refinery planet was destroyed there was a wave of panic spreading through the now severely dysfunctional Galactic Republic.

Sectors declared independence or ignored Kepler Capitol (the capital of the Galactic Republic) to focus on organizing their defences or counter-strikes.

Liquid energy was stockpiled and trade started grinding to a halt.

Let's repeat that last part: Trade started grinding to a halt. And that was really it. So simple but so devastating.

Thousands of planets started running into problems. Core industries were missing spare parts that could not be locally produced, Agricultural planets found themselves without trade partners, even worse: Industrial and Mining planets were missing their food imports.

Crisis hit almost everywhere through a series of shock waves.

Many local planetary and sector senates tried to maintain the calm, but midst all the panic and fear many were overthrown by Syndic or Reformist coups. In the end it didn't matter... even if local government survived they were forced to turn towards chaos.

In order to have a chance to survive, systems needed to take the most crucial of all missing resources like liquid energy from their neighbours who often did not want to trade them since they were experiencing the same shortages. And so hundreds of systems went to war with their neighbouring systems. More often than not destroying what they needed instead of obtaining it.

After the last of the liquid energy refinery planets had been destroyed, installations that had taken decades to construct even during the optimal conditions of the good old times were lost to the Galactic Republic. At this point it was basically a countdown to black out.

Some sectors or embryonic successor republics and empires managed to hang on for some decades by raiding and salvaging resources from neighbouring systems, but eventually even they ran out of plunder and the curtain fell for all of humankind.

A galactic industrial base that had taken thousands of years to build proved too vulnerable when it got severely disrupted.

The lower level fallback technology that would have taken sector governments only decades to construct never emerged. There was neither the peace, nor the time, nor the knowledge available.

2.1.12. AFTER THE APOCALYPSE

The present. It is the early 9th millennium if you are using the old Earth calendar.

However there are not many humans left who can still recall a memory of the existence of Earth.

After the great Dissolution War, humanity was thrown in a very deep dark age. For centuries only chaos, fragmentation, starvation and violence reigned on the once proud planets of the Galactic Empire.

It is only now that some small empires are emerging again. They are recovering ancient technology and bringing some order and civilisation back to humanity.

But it is still a hostile place on many a planet and survival for many a new nation will not be easy.

2.2. ON THE SHADOW

The Shadow does not seem to be present on the Planet you are playing on... Or is it?

In any case the effects of its meddling are still felt and you might want to know a bit more on the illusive topic of the Shadow.

Note that none of this knowledge is known by the actors and people inside the game.

2.2.1. THE ESSENCE OF THE SHADOW

A shadow cloud is theoretically self sustaining and truly eternal for all intents and purposes. However, it cannot expand itself after being constructed. Due to the quantum entanglements that have to be created just right at design time. Evolutionarily speaking, such a construct is of course an evolutionary dead end.

Theoretically it is possible to build different better and larger designs and copy the conscience of the older shadow cloud into the newer shadow cloud. However, the only shadow in existence, the shadow of emperor Anubis, does not want to become an obsolete model and refuses to consider any such attempts or any talk of his human subjects of creating other shadow clouds.

Over time, Anubis and his minions developed technologies to transfer part of his essence to his subordinates. Due to the nature of his being and the limited number of shadow nodes in the shadow cloud the number of humans he could co-exist within was limited. Anubis could only be divided so many times without losing his coherence. Anubis started to resemble a node-tree of distributed consciousness and became less and less human due to his further and further hierarchical extension as the centuries went by.

After the Terran Empire and Earth were destroyed everybody thought emperor Nicodemus III was killed as well. And actually he was, but that did not matter since he was merely one of the vessels for the shadow cloud. And that shadow cloud had survived mostly intact.

It took time for the remaining shadow cloud particles to find new humans to take over and “puppeteer”, but eventually it did and with its new vessels he spread all over the Galactic Republic. Eventually the shadow cloud usurped hundreds of powerful people, but still: the Galactic Republic Senate was ruled by a distributed senate of hundreds of thousands of senators. The Galactic Republic was too vast for the Shadow Cloud to take over by brute force.

So instead of taking over the senate it made long term plans for a transformation of the political model of the Galactic Republic. It was very difficult and progress of the Shadows plans was very slow. However, when the Age of Slowdown started things were turning in its favour.

In the golden age of the Galactic Republic sowing discontent was difficult. There were too many good and unturned leaders that would not voluntarily undermine the Galactic Republic. And ambitious people preferred to turn that ambition outwards to the unexplored galactic reaches of opportunity.

However the slowdown, the accumulation of wealth with the rich and the rise of very expensive anti-ageing tech changed things.

The scheming of the Shadow gave rise to two powerful factions. One that it had created itself: the Reformists. This faction was basically composed of those who wanted more power at the expense of others, dressed up in autocratic law and order and efficiency-talk ideology. The other faction was in many ways the counter movement to the first: the Syndics faction. The Syndics wanted anti-ageing tech for all (and not only for the rich and powerful) and they proposed to get there by Incorruptible Computer Rule that would lead humanity into the Great Redistribution. Their quest was one for an objective, impartial and incorruptible government that would ensure equality and fairness for all.

As time progressed these two extremist factions got more and more power and support throughout the populace and planetary senates of the 1,000s of planets of the Galactic Republic.

Both factions agitated against the Galactic Republic itself and the moderates that still governed it.

They blocked key votes and deliberately undermined the functioning of the Republican apparatus on all levels. These obstructions caused the Republic to function less well and ironically mobilized even more support for these extremists factions (that were the cause of these problems!).

2.2.2. TECH BEHIND EXISTENCE OF THE SHADOW

Copying a conscience into a Shadow Cloud is actually called Reversed Animation. What the immense machinery of emperor Anubis did was force matter from the Conscience Dimension into a specific pattern in the Material Dimension. The technique is called reversed animation because it forces conscience matter into a host instead of allowing the natural process to unfold where it is the conscience matter that voluntarily chooses a host.

Reversed animation is a very dangerous thing to undertake since the matter of the conscience dimension abhors to be forced like this. There is

a real risk of a rift occurring between the existential plane and our own physical universe when this technique is overused. Which would lead to the destruction of all (semi-) conscious life.

2.2.3. THE SHADOW HIERARCHY

The Shadow created a network of powerful people under his control.

The Shadow even distributed his core conscience nodes over human hosts. The Shadow's core systems are distributed over so called Shadow Cores. These Shadow cores also function as section heads dividing up the human inhabited sectors of space between them. Shadow Cores look like humans, but they have almost no original identity left and are basically completely overruled entities up to the cellular level. The majority of the essence of the Shadow rests in these cores.

Under each Shadow Core, the Shadow created dozens of Shadow Lords. Each Shadow Lord being in charge of furthering the Shadow's cause in a single sector or on a single planet. Shadow Lords usually joined the Shadow out of their own free will, they have some independence of thought, but have a none the less a strong Shadow presence in them. There is enough Shadow essence in these Shadow Lords for them to be able to act as puppeteers themselves and take control of other conscious organisms.

And under each Shadow Lord there are usually operating dozens of Shadow Pawns. However, due to the limited power of the Shadow Lords the presence of the Shadow in these individuals is often small and limited. And above all: crude. For example a Shadow Pawn might just have a tiny shadow presence in him that overrides his conscience on one single point. For example it might force the Shadow Pawn to obey the local Shadow Lord at all times. These lower entities never have sufficient Shadow in them to puppeteer other individuals.

2.2.4. THE SHADOW FRAGMENTATION

The Dissolution War was expected and actively planned and organised by the Shadow, however the extreme severity and speed of the economic negative feedback loop effect was not anticipated by it.

As we already know the Shadow Cloud is organized rather hierarchical. This meant that when all systems and planets got separated from each other

and QTT connection dropped out so did contact between the different clusters of the Shadow Cloud.

This meant that on some planets the Shadow was reduced to several leaderless Shadow Pawns, while on others it had powerful Shadow Cores present.

Reformist factions without strong Shadow presence usually just reverted to a free militaristic and / or totalitarian faction. Falling back on the core motivations and ideology of its fully human members.

The effect of this is that some Planets have been fully claimed by the Shadow, while on others its influence is nil. Quite a few Planets have a Shadow Lord present that is trying to take control. On some planets the Shadow has succeeded and on others it has failed. On most the outcome is still in the balance.

2.3. ON TECHNOLOGY

These topics don't have much impact (or should I say: none at all) on the game. But you might be interested anyway about learning a bit more on the core technologies that were supporting the economy of the Galactic Republic.

2.3.1. THE WARP DRIVE

The warp drive was not just a random invention. The groundwork was based in theory and developed by the Roamer scientist named Raulf Freeman of the Red Moon Clan. A figure of sheer brilliance and revolutionary scientific thinking. At one point he reformulated existing physics theories to the unified theory of "ONE". Meaning that gravity+speed+acceleration+mass+unknown properties all added up to 1. If you increase for example speed you decrease the mass. etc..

That was the easy part.

After that he spent decades to find a way to alter the "one". Eventually something related to quantum entanglement enabled him to get the equation for 2 particles to be equal to "two". Hence opening up the way to increase the speed of one particle to beyond light speed and dumping the negative effects of this higher speed on the second entangled particle.

Just before he died he witnessed the first test flight of a so called 3-engine (later was discovered that the next viable multipliers where 5,7,11,13,17, etc... the prime numbers).

The warp drive is also referred to (by scientists) as the Universal Constant Multiplier Drive. Normal people call it the UCM Drive.

Greatest problem with this UCM technology is that travelling at warp speed would very often result in destruction by collision with a minor space object. A bloody grain of sand would hit a ship like a nuclear bomb when travelling at warp speed.

The only way to travel safely at warp was to have very powerful high-speed AIs on board that were able to detect shadows of minor gravity wells and make course corrections without the need for human intervention.

Another notable technical problem with the UCM technology is that it needs matter to be present in order to work. It needs particles to “dump” negative effects on. If 1 particle gets it constant lifted to 2 it means 2 other particles get their constant decreased to 0.5. And the reverse when slowing down. This created dangerous Hyperfreeze (when accelerating) and Hyperburn (when slowing down) waste products.

3. THE INTERFACE

In this part of the manual all the different screens and windows of the interface will be discussed.

3.1. NEW GAME

When you start a new game you'll have to make a number of choices on a number of screens. We'll walk you through it.

3.1.1. PLANET CLASS

First thing you'll have to do when you start a new game is to choose what kind of Planet Class to play on.

Seth Class

Named after the God of the desert. Desert Planets. Their key characteristic is that they do not have a drop of liquid water on their surface. It is rare, but possible they host an alien biology with non water-based type of life.

Boreas Class

Named after the god of the wind from the north. Icy desert Planets. Their key characteristic is that they have water in usually sizeable amounts, but they have too low temperatures for most of it to be liquid. It is rare but possible they host an alien biology, usually with a non water-based type of life.

Siwa Class

These are Planets that are quite similar to Earth, but the amount of liquid water they have is limited. Hence only a small part of these Planets has open water, life and rainfall. Siwa Class Planets always have either Terran biology or a Terran-compatible alien type of biology.

Limos Class

Named after the god of starvation. Not quite desert Planets, but not much better either. They have some amount of liquid water, but they are always void of life. If they were to have life they would be classed either Siwa Class or Medusa Class.

Medusa Class

Named after the mythological snake-haired creature. Similar to a Siwa Class Planet, so some liquid water and rain is present, as well as some deserts. A key characteristic is that these planets have a hostile alien biology.

Cerberus Class

Named after the mythological three-headed dog guarding the entrance to the underworld. Lava Planets. Their key characteristic is that they are usually hot, without water and quite young. These Planets have a very active geology and often have numerous permanent volcanoes. They can even have Rivers and lakes of magma.

Planetoid Class

A very small Planet that could have been a Moon Class if it would have found itself close to a larger gravitational body. Never had life or sufficient atmosphere. Usually quite boring places, but they can provide for quick and confrontational games.

Moon Class

Even smaller than the Planetoid Class. But even more suited for quick action and short games.

Unclassified

When you play on an unclassified Planet you can expect anything. It could be a Planet similar to one of the classes listed above, but it could be something else altogether.

Comparison to our old Sol Planets

BODY	EARTH VOLUME	RADIUS IN KM	ROUGH CIRCUMFERENCE IN HEX
Earth	100%	6370	200 Hex
Mars	15%	3390	100 Hex
Moon	2%	1737	50 Hex

3.1.2. HISTORY CLASSES

If you want the procedural generation system to work optimally do not flag any of the classes on this page. However if you really want the Planet about to be generated to have a certain outcome flag the history class you want the Planet to belong to. You can select multiple flags if desired.

Note that when you flag Survival Stress, especially on larger Planets, you might end up with a very large amount of Regimes. This might well slow down AI turn processing speeds.

Note that when you flag Alien Lifeforms you are basically forcing xenobiological evolution on the Planet. This can sometimes have interesting and weird, but playable, results. When you combine this flag with a Medusa Class planet (which already ensures Alien Lifeforms) it will often lead to extremely large and dangerous wildlife.

3.1.3. PLANET SETUP OPTIONS

After you have chosen your Planet, you have some options to configure the kind of game you will be playing.

3.1.3.1. GENERATION METHOD

Your choice here will determine how much time you will spend generating your Planet.

Immediate

This option will skip all your Planet generation choices including the chance to determine the initial Profile tendency of your Regime. This is an ideal option if you want to be completely in the dark on the Planet you're about to explore.

Quick

This option will immediately generate a Planet, skipping all the detailed Phases like Geology, Biology, History, etc... This option will however present the player with the final result. And the player can still choose to Re-Roll the entire result.

Detailed

Will allow you to Re-Roll each subsequent generation Phase. It gives detailed and fine control to creating the Planet.

3.1.3.2. FOG OF WAR

Your choice here determines how much information will be available to your empire when the game starts.

Complete FOW

Do not get any information on the Planet map during the generation Phases.

Complete FOW after Colonization

You'll be able to inspect the Planet map during generation until the Colonization Phase has been done. After this you'll be kept in the dark.

Map known, otherwise complete FOW

You'll be able to inspect the Planet map during generation. You know the initial Landscape Types of every Hex on the Map, but otherwise it's complete FOW.

Partial FOW

You'll be able to inspect the Planet map during generation. Once you enter game you'll retain some real-time information on the Hexes of the Planet. Notably the borders of all Regimes. Also comparative statistics will be available, but otherwise the FOW is still applied.

3.1.3.3. DIFFICULTY LEVEL

The harder you set the difficulty level the more challenging your game will be. The higher the difficulty level:

- The more dangerous the competing AI controlled Major Regimes will be
- The more militarized the Free Folk will be
- The more Alien Lifeforms will group themselves into Units
- The slower your Militia will (re)grow
- The quicker Minor Regime forces will (re)grow
- The more start area the Major AI Regimes will have
- The more BP the AI will have available
- The more initial Militia forces the Major AIs will have

Furthermore at Beginner difficulty level you get some small extras:

- The Major AIs are less eager to go to war than on the other levels.
- The Minor AIs start with less Militia and they take less offence when you encroach on their territory.
- You get an extra 2 Fate Points
- Prospecting is easier
- You get an extra Artillery and Armor Battalion Militia Unit at game start
- You always have some discovered Metal and Water resource Hexes near your starting location

On Beginner and Regular you start with 20% income tax. On Hard and Extreme you start at 0%.

AI regime BP generation bonus is -33% at Beginner, +10% on Regular, +50% on Hard and +120% on Extreme.”

On Hard difficulty all AI forces get +10% combat bonus and +10% movement bonus. On Extreme difficulty all AI forces get +20% combat bonus and +20% movement bonus.

3.1.3.4. TECHNOLOGY LEVEL

Low Tech

Basically a start with almost nothing. Default.

Medium Tech

This should include Ranged Weapons, Sealed Roads and more so it can be properly tested.

High Tech

This should include Atomic Weapons, Walkers, High Speed Rail, Power Plants, etc... so we can try them out.

3.1.3.5. DEVELOPMENT SPEED LEVEL

Fast

It will take half the time of Normal Level to Discover and Research / Operationalize and Develop.

Normal

The default mode. Note that with v1.23 this normal research speed is equal to pre-1.23 slow speed. Things have been slowed down a bit to ensure every Tech knows its hour of glory. If you want to keep playing at pre-1.23 speed you'll have to switch to Fast.

Slow

It will take 2 times longer than Normal Level to Discover and Research / Operationalize and Develop.

Very Slow - Epic

It will take 5 times longer than Normal Level to Discover and Research / Operationalize and Develop.

3.1.4. PLANETOLOGY PHASE

After you have set the Setup Options and you have chosen Detailed Generation Mode you'll be taken through a number of Phases. In each Phase, a number of Planet stats will be rolled and you'll have the option to Continue to the next Phase or to Re-Roll the current Phase.

The first Phase is the Planetology Phase where you'll determine the key planetary characteristics of your Planet.

3.1.5. GEOLOGY PHASE

The second Phase is the Geology Phase where you'll roll the surface and weather details of the Planet.

3.1.6. BIOSPHERE PHASE

The third Phase is the Biosphere Phase where you'll roll to determine if any Alien Lifeforms have evolved on the Planet, as well as for the composition of its atmosphere.

What is important is that if Alien Lifeforms develop they will impact the composition of the atmosphere. Ideally for human Colonists, the Alien Lifeforms will resemble Terran life and convert carbon dioxide from the atmosphere into breathable oxygen.

3.1.7. COLONIZATION PHASE

The next Phase is the Colonization Phase, where the initial human landing on the Planet and the subsequent years of colonization are simulated.

This is mostly a thematic Phase that could impact stories, but the level of Population on this Planet before the Dissolution War does determine the amount of ruins you'll find on the Planet in the time you'll be playing.

Also the arrival of humans on the Planet might introduce Terran Plants.

3.1.8. DISSOLUTION WAR PHASE

The next Phase is the Dissolution War Phase where the effects this galactic-wide war had on this Planet are simulated.

This is mostly a thematic Phase that could impact stories, but the kind of Planet it is does have an impact on the Population that will survive the Dissolution War to still be present in the time you'll be playing.

In general, Planets without options to easily cultivate their own food and with hostile atmospheres suffered the greatest Population losses during the Dissolution War and its aftermath.

Furthermore the modes of surviving chosen by those who did not succumb to hardship and war have an impact on the kind of cultures you'll find on the Planet in the time you'll be playing.

3.1.9. HISTORY CHOICES

The next Phase only occurs if you did not choose a “Quick Start” game. In this Phase you’ll be able to answer a number of multiple choice questions on the history of your people.

This allows you to already orient your initial Regime Profile somewhat.

3.1.10. CUSTOMIZATION OPTIONS

This is the last Phase and it’s completely about aesthetics and completely optional.

It allows you to modify your Regime name and your Flag so you feel better at home with some aesthetics you like the best.

3.2. GAME LOOP

After the New Game has been completely set up you’ll be dropped in the Game Loop.

The loop is the following:

- AI controlled Regimes do their turns
- Human player is presented with “Start Turn” popup
- Any Vidcom messages are displayed
- You are dropped in the Map Screen after you have reviewed all Vidcom messages (or press Map Tab)
- You make all your moves
- You press End Turn (in the top right)
- The loop starts with above again and continues until you have either won or lost the game.

3.3. THE MAP SCREEN

Do not be overwhelmed! This screen has a lot of functionality.

Let’s first take a look what different tabs and bars are present in this screen.



- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 The Map | 2 The Top Bar |
| 3 The Top Tabs | 4 The Left Bar |
| 5 The Right Bar | 6 The Bottom Tabs |
| 7 The current Map Order Mode | 8 The Next Turn button |

3.3.1. HOTKEYS

The following hotkeys work in the Main Play Screen:

HOTKEY	FUNCTION
+ (also mouse wheel)	Zoom In
- (also mouse wheel)	Zoom Out
I	Inspect Mode
M	Move Mode
G	Group Move Mode
S	Strategic Move Mode
A	Ranged (Artillery) Attack Mode
R	Road Construct Mode
T	Traffic Signs Mode
Z	Zone Border Mode
V	Vidcom Screen
H	History Screen
N	Management Screen

F1	Prefs Tab
F2	Stats Tab
F3	OOB Tab
F4	Strategic Map Tab
F5	Stratagems Tab
F6	Decisions Tab
F7	Reports Tab
F8	Mini
C	Construct Asset Order
1	Show/Hide Units
2	Show/Hide Labels
3	Show/Hide AP&Stack Penalties
4	Show/Hide Hex Grid
5	Show/Hide Regime Colouring
6	Show/Hide Operational Logistics
8	Previous Unit
9	Next Unit
0	Enter Guard Mode, Leave Guard Mode
L	Show/Hide Current Logistical Network
P	Show/Hide Preview Logistical Network
Q	Clear all Guard Modes
Escape	Returns you to the Map, or if already there closes any Top Tab that is open or if no Tab open exits the current Order Mode and puts you in Inspect Mode.

3.3.2. MUST KNOW INFORMATION

You can figure out a lot of stuff yourself, but if you are going to skip the detailed interface paragraphs, please do read the following must-know information:

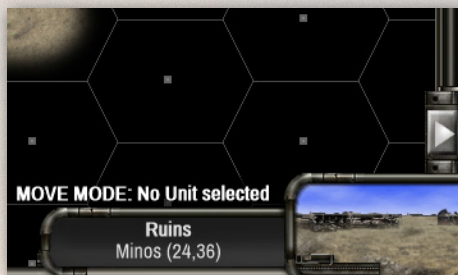
Left click a Unit to select it and right click on a highlighted Hex to move the selected Unit there.

Right click on top of selected Hex or Unit to get access to the Order Mode Popup (or if you do not like this use the Order Mode Tab to the right side of the screen).

3.4. THE MAP

Here you can, among other actions, select your Unit, and move and attack with them.

3.4.1. THE ORDER MODE



In the bottom right of the Map you can see which Order Mode is currently active.

You can change the Order Mode in two ways.

You can right click on the Unit or Hex that is currently selected and a popup will present itself. Here you can click a button to change the Order Mode.

Alternatively you can select the “Order Modes” Tab from the Right Bar. Here you can select which Order Mode to change to.

3.4.1.1. INSPECT MODE [I]

This mode is ideal if you do not want to move anything by accident. While in Inspect Mode you'll never have to worry about making an accidental move while clicking on the Map.

3.4.1.2. MOVE MODE [M]

Left click a Unit to select it. Then all Hexes it can move to will be highlighted or have a red arrow on them (indicating the direction of a possible attack). When you right click on any such indicated Hex the Unit will move there (or just next to it and automatically open the Combat Selection Popup). Movement costs will be displayed in bottom right of the Map.

3.4.1.3. GROUP MOVE MODE [G]

Same as Move Mode except for the fact you'll attempt to move all Units in the selected Hex.

3.4.1.4. STRATEGIC MOVE MODE [S]

Allows you to transfer a Unit over an unlimited distance providing your Logistical Network has the Logistical Points available to pay for the weight of the Unit.

3.4.1.5. RANGED ATTACK MODE [R]

Left click a Unit and then Right click a target to launch the Combat Selection Popup.

3.4.1.6. CONSTRUCT ROAD MODE

When this Order Mode is selected you'll first be presented with a popup demanding you what kind of Road you'd like to construct. After making a choice you can Left click a Hex to be the start point of the Road and then Right click to select the end point of the Road. Make sure you select a source Hex that is part of your Logistical Network. Costs will be displayed in the bottom right of the map.

3.4.1.7. TRAFFIC SIGNS MODE

When this Order Mode is selected you can place Traffic Signs or Pull Points on Roads and avoid your Logistical Network spending energy on a certain part of your Road network. Left click a Hex to select the Hex and then Left Click again to open the Traffic Signs Popup. Here you can put a Traffic Sign for each Road exiting the Hex to stop a certain % of Logistical Points from leaving a Hex through that Road. Also you can Block any Automatic Pull Points or add extra Custom Pull Points to the Hex. There are also Flags that enable you to disable Automatic Pull Points.

Furthermore, for the sake of complete information the Logistical Log of a Hex can also be inspected here. Enabling the Preview Logistics in the right sidebar and using it in tandem with the Traffics Signs Popup is a good way to explore the effects of different settings on your Logistical Network.

3.4.1.8. ZONE BORDERS MODE

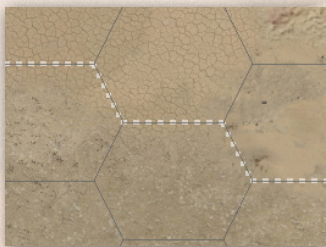
Only usable if you have more than one Zone. Once selected, the Zone you'll be painting on the Map will be the one that the Hex you had initially selected belongs to. If you left click on a Hex of another Zone it will change to the Zone you're painting.

If you right click on a Hex, it changes the "Zone paint" to the Zone which that Hex belongs to.

3.4.2. BORDERS

There are two type of Borders in the game, Zone Borders and Regime Borders.

3.4.2.1. ZONE BORDERS



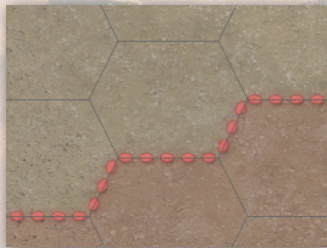
These usually signify an internal Zone Border.

A small dotted line signifies these borders.

However take note that they are also used to denote borders between Minor Regimes with whom you have an Unclear relation.

3.4.2.2. REGIME BORDERS

These are big and bold dotted lines.



Note that they are white when they concern a border with a Minor Regime with whom you have an Unclear relation and that they are coloured with any other Regime (like notably Major Regimes).

3.4.3. LANDSCAPE, RIVERS, CANYONS AND RIDGES

The texture on the Hex signifies the Landscape type.



For example, here we are looking at Clay Plains.

But a Hex can also have a River separating it from neighbour Hexes.

Or Escarpments... which for example pose a negative movement and combat modifier if they are to be scaled.



For now, keep in mind that they almost all have a visual cue and you can always see the name and illustration of the Landscape of the selected Hex in the bottom right corner of the map.

3.4.4. UNITS

Your Units are your military force. They are represented by counters on the map. You can have up to 16 Units on a single Hex. If there is more than 1 Unit present they'll be stacked.



Regular Unit counter



Militia Unit counter



HQ counter

1 The little blocks in the top of the counter signify the Action Points that are left. Each block signifies 10 AP. If the Unit hasn't moved yet the blocks will be green, otherwise they will be white.

2 The letter or number in the top-right of the counter shows an "M" for Militia Units and a number for Regular Units.

3 The bigger coloured block signifies the supply state of the Unit. If it is green the Unit received all supplies that it needed, if it turns yellow, blue or red it has increasingly bad supply. If it is black the Unit received no supply at all.

4 The number signifies the number of Troops the Unit has. 1 point signifies either 100 infantry or 10 tanks/vehicles or guns.

The number is overlaid on a bar which shows the integrity of the Unit. If it is a fully filled bar it means the Unit has all Troops it should have and its Integrity is at 100%.

The color of the bar signifies the Readiness of the Unit, an important statistic for especially offensive combat. If green, Readiness is high, if yellow, blue or red it is lower.

5 The color of the bar in the bottom signifies the HQ the Unit is attached to.

3.4.5. CITIES, ASSETS AND HEX PERKS

Every Zone can have maximum of one City. The City is where the Populace lives and where most Assets will be. However, it is possible to have Assets outside the City. You'll also find Hex Perks on the map which provide a specific bonus to the owner.



1 The City graphic also denotes the size of the City. It has a big font label on top of it to denote the name of the City and the Zone.

2 A (rural) Asset. The graphic shows which type of Asset is prominent. Also

there is a small font label on top of the Hex denoting the name of the Asset(s).

3 Free Folk settlements. The more buildings in the graphic, the more Free Folk are living in this Hex. Also there is a small font label on top of the Hex denoting the name of the settlement.

4 Hex Perk. The graphic shows the type of Hex Perk. Also there is a small font label on top of the Hex denoting the name of this specific Hex Perk.

3.4.6. RESOURCES AND ARTEFACTS



Hexes can also contain Resources or Artefacts that you can extract.

1 Artefacts are present in this Hex. You can extract them by constructing a Scavenging or Recycling Asset on the same Hex.

2 Water deposits are present in this Hex. Build an Ice Mine to extract.

3 Metal deposits are present in this Hex. Build a Metal Mine to extract.

4 Rare Metal deposits are present in this Hex. Build a Rare Metal Mine to extract.

3.4.7. OTHER MAP SYMBOLS

You can also find the following graphics on top of Hexes:



1 The number in the transparent gray box indicates the number of AP penalty points to move (or attack) into the Hex.

2 In yellow we see a label indicating the name of the area (which spans multiple Hexes). Areas are purely aesthetic for now. Red labels are

used for mountains, blue for seas and lakes and yellow for the remainder.

3.5. THE TOP BAR

Here you are reminded which Regime you are playing and of your current Fate Points, Political Points and Credits, as well as having a wealth of Tabs available to you.



1 The Flag and the name of the Regime currently playing. If in the Main Play Screen, that is your empire, however in history mode or during AI moves it can show another Regime. In the Main Play Screen clicking here focusses the map on your Capital.

2 Some of your key global Resources. From left to right: (a) Fate Points, (b) Political Points and (c) Credits.

3 Screen Tabs. “Map” signifies the Main Play Screen but you can switch to “His” for reviewing moves made by other Regimes in the History Screen. You can re-inspect the Vidcom messages you received at start of turn by switching to the “Vid” for Vidcom Screen. Last but not least, you can click the “Mng” Tab to switch to the Management Screen where some special Windows are available to you to manage and review your Regime.

4 An “Advice” or “Ad.” button for toggling on/off the Advice Window. This button is only available if there is some advice to be shown and advice is enabled in the Prefs Tab.

5 The Top Tabs open up all sorts of functionality by descending a tab without leaving the screen. See the next section for more info on them.

6 The date and the End Turn Button. Click on that button when you have made all your moves to give the turn to the other Regimes. Mouse-over the date to see the actual Round number.

3.6. THE TOP TABS

The Top Tabs are aligned to the right side of the screen in the Top Bar. Here you can access a wealth of functionality and information. Once a tab is descended the rest of the interface is still functional.

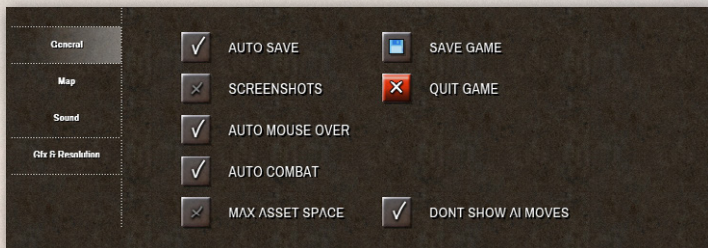
Click on a tab to open it up. To close it again re-click on it (or anywhere in the top window that is not clickable) or press the “Esc” key.

3.6.1. PREFERENCES

Almost all preferences flagged or unflagged here will be persistent when next time you play a turn or open the game.

3.6.1.1. GENERAL SUB TAB

For adjusting some game flow and interface settings.



Save Game

You can save your game on any location you want, but by default you are advised to save in the saved games directory.

Quit Game

Will bring you back to the Game Main Menu. You might want to save the game before doing this.

Minimize

Same as pressing ALT-TAB and will move you back to the Desktop while keeping the game running.

Auto Save

When active, the game will automatically make a save game every time you press the End Turn Button.

Screenshots

When active, the game will automatically make a screenshot of the map and save it in the screenshots directory.

Auto Mouse Over

Leave flagged to have normal mouse over text behaviour. If unflagged, you'll have to right click to see mouse over text.

Auto Combat

Leave flagged to have normal combat resolution. If unflagged, you'll have to press a button for each Combat Round to start.

Max Asset Space

When active the game will not show the Regime Info Box in the bottom Asset Tab and Unit Tab, thus freeing up a little more space to display more Assets or Troops.

Show AI Moves

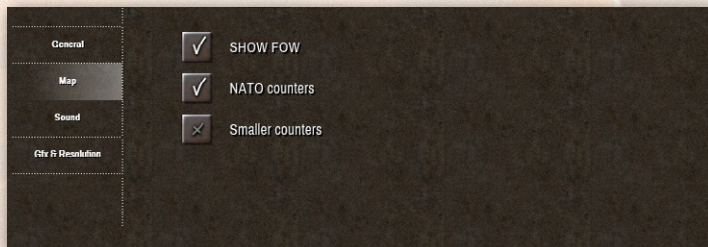
When active, the game will not run the AI moves in the History Screen but in the Game Loop Screen. This is slightly quicker and some might prefer it as well for it giving a more "clean" game experience.

Show Advice

When active, the game will provide you with a small Advice window at most game starts. When disabled, your start of turn will be processed slightly quicker.

3.6.1.2. MAP SUB TAB

For adjusting some map and Unit counter settings.



Show FOW

If flagged, the Fog of War will be shown by a transparent black shadow overlain on the map.

NATO counters

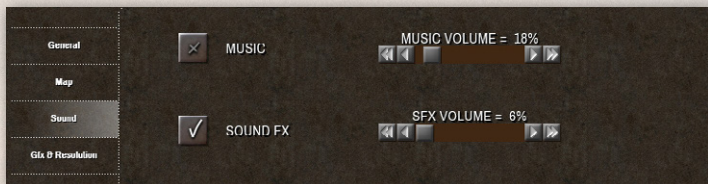
If flagged, the Unit counters will display a big NATO graphic instead of a small version of the dominant Troop Type in the Unit.

Smaller counters

Impacts only maximum zoomed in mode. If flagged, small counters are shown instead of regular zoomed in mode big counters. This allows you to avoid having Unit counters hidden behind others due to Unit stacking.

3.6.1.3. SOUND SUB TAB

For adjusting some music and sound effects settings.



Music

If flagged, the Music will play.

Sound FX

If flagged Sound FX will be played, like movement and combat sounds, but also click sounds and some Leader voices.

Music Volume

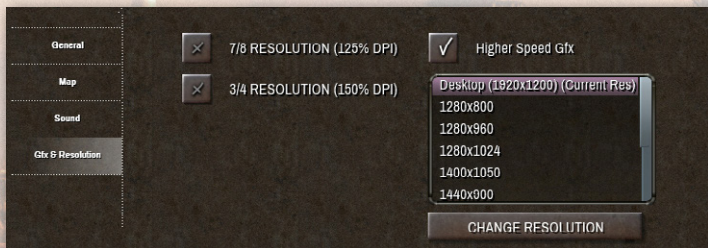
If Music is flagged, this bar will determine its volume.

Sound FX Volume

If Sound FX is flagged, this bar will determine its volume.

3.6.1.4. GFX & RESOLUTION SUB TAB

For adjusting some graphics operations undertaken by the game.



The options to the left (7/8, ¾, etc..) keep your actual screen resolution the same but adjust the DPI of the rendering. The downside of using this option is that, unless you are using the ½ resolution option, the graphics and especially some fonts might turn a bit a fuzzy.

Its important to stress that the ½ resolution button (only available on 4K monitors and better) is the only one that gives a truly clean result.

The list box to the right (and its confirm button below it) allows you to change your actual screen resolution. The downside is that if you “tab” out of the game you’ll notice your Windows Desktop resolution will have changed as well. However, when you close the game, the Windows Desktop resolution will turn back to its normal resolution.

You are advised to either use DPI or Screen Resolution change andnd not both (nothing is stopping you though).

Higher Speed Gfx

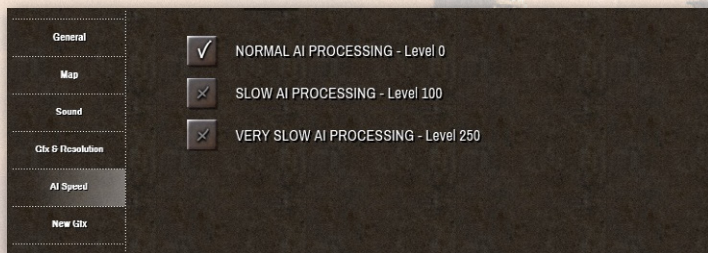
You are advised to keep this option always flagged. However, in some rare system cases it might prevent problems.

Mouse Lock

Will keep the mouse fixed to the game window. This is a useful option when using multiple monitors.

3.6.1.5. AI SPEED

For specifying if you want the AI to be faster or slower during turn processing.



Normal AI Processing

If you pick this one you’ll have optimal turn processing speed for the AI Regimes.

Slow AI Processing

If you pick this one you'll have slower turn processing speed for the AI Regimes.

The advantage is that only on the Unit movement operational & tactical level the AI will be able to find some better moves for its Units.

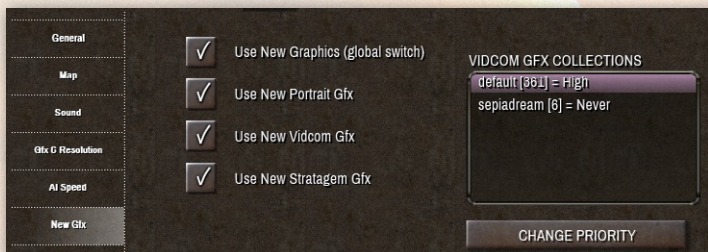
Very Slow AI Processing

If you pick this one you'll have optimal turn processing speed for the AI Regimes.

The advantage is that only on the Unit movement operational & tactical level the AI will be able to find some better moves for its Units.

3.6.1.6. NEW GFX

For specifying if you want to use the so called "New Graphics" added after the original release of Shadow Empire or if you want to stick to the "Original Graphics".



Use New Graphics (global switch)

Use this switch to either always use the "New Graphics" or if switched off: always use the "Original Graphics".

Use New Portrait Gfx

Specifically choose "New Graphics" for Leader Portraits. Or if switched off: "Original Graphics".

Use New Vidcom Gfx

Specifically choose "New Graphics" for Vidcom illustrations. Or if switched off: "Original Graphics". Note that it takes an end turn to get your newly desired graphics in the next round. Also note that if you are playing a PBEM

game the first turn only you will be using the Vidcom Gfx preferences of the player that created the game.

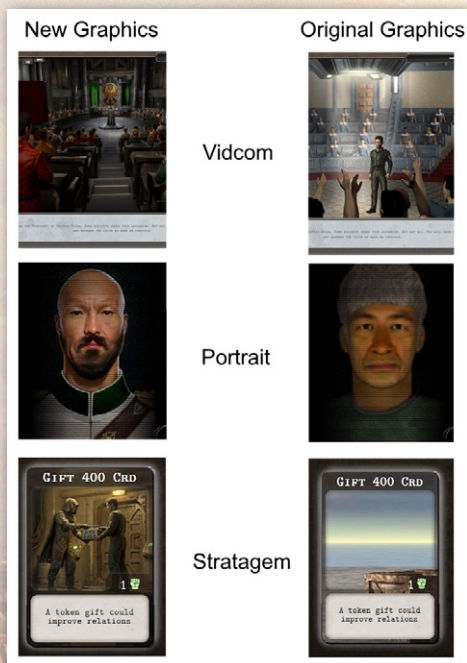
Use New Stratagem Gfx

Specifically choose “New Graphics” for Stratagem illustrations. Or if switched off: “Original Graphics”.

Vidcom Gfx Collections

This will normally only show the “default” collection. However if you install Vidcom NewGfx mods, with their own collection names, they will show up in the list. By setting each collection’s priority the engine will be able to pick the Vidcom from the collection you like most (if multiple images would qualify for showing). High has preference above Medium. Medium above Low. Low above Never. Never is still used if no other image can be found.

New Graphics versus Original Graphics



3.6.2. STATISTICS

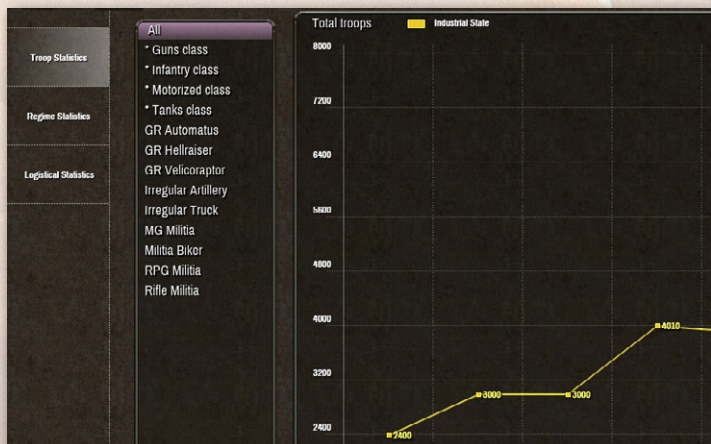
This Tab presents you with many opportunities to analyse your Regime, Zones and Military.

3.6.2.1. TROOP STATISTICS

Here you can either select a specific Troop Type / Model to see the evolution of your quantity in service (or amount killed by you, or amount lost due to enemy action).

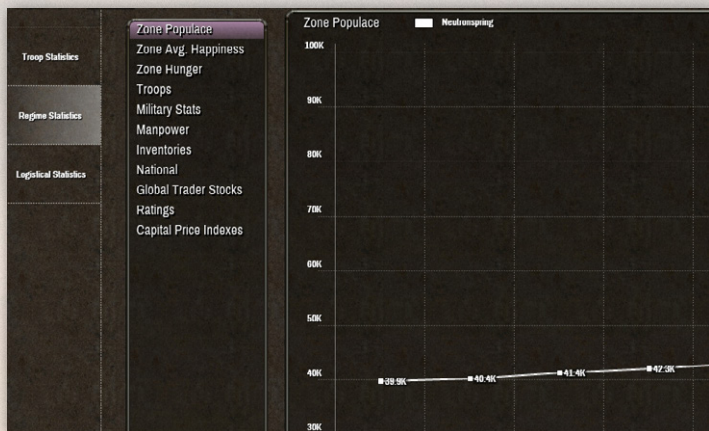
Note that the first list entry adds all Troop Types together in the graphic and the entries with an * sign group together a certain class of Troop Types. When the game is over, the information on the military forces of the other Regimes should be displayed as well.

When a graph has multiple lines (legenda keys) you select which legenda keys are visible. Either by clicking on their name / color box in the top of the window or on the tiny line-connector-blocks in the graph itself. Click anywhere else to reset. Right click to select multiple legenda keys. Left click to select only one legenda key.



3.6.2.2. REGIME STATISTICS

Here you can follow a large number of indicators through the history of your Regime.



Zone Populace

Tracks the Populace of each of your Zones. Populace is the sum of Population and Workers.

Zone Happiness

Tracks the Populace's Happiness of each of your Zones. It uses a weighted average for Population Happiness and Worker Happiness.

Zone Hunger

Tracks the Hunger stat for each of your Zones. It uses a weighted average for Population Hunger and Worker Hunger.

Troops

Tracks the number of Troops active in each Veterancy Class and separately for Militia and Regular forces.

Military Stats

Tracks some further info on your Military. Some averages (Morale, Experience and Hunger) as well as the percentage your Militia forces make up of your total force.

Manpower

Tracks your manpower totals (includes all zones). Note that Free Folk living in your territories are not included in the Total Manpower stat.

Inventories

Tracks the inventories of all your SHQs combined.

National Stats

Tracks a number of key Regime-wide stats like your Popularity, your Word score and others.

Ratings

This tracks how well (or how bad) you are doing compared to the other Regimes on the Planet. Higher rating than 50 means you have a higher score on that rating than the average of all Major Regimes. If lower than 50 the inverse is the case.

Capital Price Index

Tracks the price evolution of the different Resources with the Traders at the Capital of your Regime. Note that these are indexes and not real prices.

Casualties

Tracks the amount of casualties you have suffered.

Comparative Stats

There are several stats in this category. It shows how all the Major Regimes are doing. However, the other Major Regimes will only be visible when you are playing in “Partial” FOW mode or when you have either won or lost the game.

3.6.2.3. LOGISTICAL STATISTICS

Information for the quartermasters under us. Here you can inspect in detail what has been going on concerning your logistics “front”.

This information is always based on the algorithms run at the start of your turn.

		SHQ / LOCATION	RECEIVED
	=== Loc Supply Logistics	1st SHQ	0
Troop Statistics	Loc IP Supply	Neutronspring	
	Loc Mach Supply		
	=== Unit Supply Logistics		
Regime Statistics	Unit Food Supply		
	Unit Enrg Supply		
	=== Lock pick-up Logistic		
Logistical Statistics	Loc Fuel Pickup		
	Loc Met Pickup		
	Loc H2O Pickup		
	Loc Food Pickup		
	Loc IP Pickup		
	Loc Rec Pickup		
	Loc Mach Pickup		
	Loc Enrg Pickup		
	Loc MaxEnrg Pickup		
	Loc MaxAmm Pickup		
	Loc Max-fuel Pickup		
	Loc MaxFood Pickup		
	Loc MaxH2O Pickup		
	Loc MaxIrd Pickup		
	=== Replacements Logist		
	Replacements received		
	Replacements requested		
	Replacements returned		

Loc Supply Logistics

Tracks per Resource what each Zone requested at its SHQ (Strategic HQ) and what it received from that SHQ.

Unit Supply Logistics

Tracks per Resource what each Unit requested at its SHQ and what it received from that SHQ.

Loc Picked-up Logistics

Tracks per Resource what each Zone offered to its SHQ and how much that SHQ actually picked up.

Replacement Logistics

Tracks per Unit what Replacement Troops it has been requesting and has received. Also tracks any returns of Troops from Unit back to its SHQ.

3.6.3. ORDER OF BATTLE

This Tab allows you to inspect your military Units and their hierarchy.

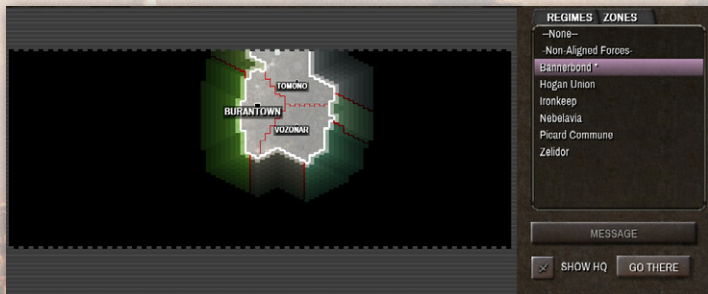


The first entry in the list “OOB” displays an organogram of the chain of command and types of your Units. Each SHQ can have its own “tree”. Militia are organized per Zone (of their origin) and individual single-Unit Formations are also organized per Zone (but based on where they are currently located). The Regular multi-unit Formations are grouped in their “type” of Formation like “Infantry Formations” or “Tank Formations”.

The entries below the “OOB” entry in the list give you detailed information under each type of Regular Formation notably on their current strength levels (CUR) versus their ideal strength levels (TOE) and the Troops they would like to receive as Replacement Troops (MISS).

3.6.4. STRATEGIC MAP

This Tab allows you to inspect the whole Planet. You can either inspect Zones or Regimes.



This Strategic map does something special when confronted with the Shroud of Darkness (undiscovered Hexes). It makes an educated guess of which yet unseen Hexes will probably belong to a Zone or Regime. This is much easier to interpret than a thin band of single Hexes you actually have recon on.

If a Hex has been discovered but in a subsequent turn it disappears in the Fog of War, the last known owner will be indicated.

Several buttons are also available:

Message

This button can be used to send a message to a Human Player.

Show HQ

Can be flagged to make your own SHQs and OHQs show up on the map.

Dip. colours

Can be flagged to colour all the Regimes in a shade that reflects your Relation level with them. Red for Regimes you are at war with, Yellow for Minor Regimes your relation is unclear with and Green for Regimes you are at peace with.

Go There

When you click here the map below the Tab will centre on the selected Zone or Regime.

If you have a good screen resolution and the Bottom Tab is not hidden you can also use this button to quickly inspect plenty of Regimes or Zones.

Mouse Wheel

If you Mouse Wheel with the mouse hovering over the Strategic map you'll be able to scroll the actual Planet. This can be useful if your initial starting location is too close to the edge, for example.

Tab: Regimes

In the first Tab you can select a specific Regime.

Tab: Zones

In the second Tab you can select a specific Zone.

Tab: Stats

In the third Tab you can select a specific Stat, like inspecting rainfall or temperatures.

3.6.5. STRATAGEMS

This Tab shows you all the Stratagems in your possession and allows you to play them.



1 Note that there are two sub tabs, one for selecting the Stratagem you want to play and one for selecting the target to play the Stratagem on. Depending on the Stratagem, a target can be a Regime, a Zone, a Leader or a Unit.

2 You can have many Stratagems and to keep things organized the Stratagems are sorted per category. Stratagems in the same category have the same target type.

3 Each Stratagem has its cost displayed with a little green fist symbol (for PP cost) or with a little yellow sun symbol (for FP cost). Some Stratagems exist that are free of costs. Some Stratagems also require extra costs like for example a certain amount of Credits.

4 Except for the “Nation” category of Stratagems most need a target to be set. Here in the right pane the selected target is shown. You can change the target (1) by going to the target sub tab.

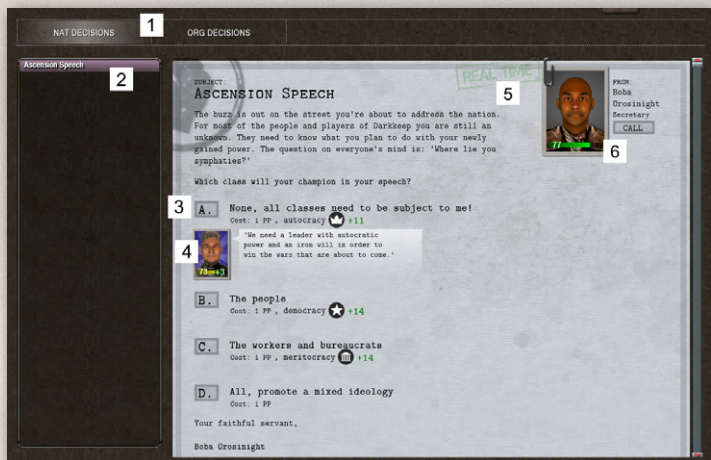
5 The Leader who’ll execute the Stratagem is also shown. Any Skill rolls will be made by this Leader.

6 Either the Execute Stratagem button is greyed-out and the reason why is given above, or all is okay and you can go ahead and play the Stratagem (on the selected target).

It is also possible to scrap Stratagems to gain Scrap Points, which allow you to craft Scrap Stratagems. To go to “Scrap Mode” click the so-named button in the top right. Once in Scrap Mode you can click on the trashcan symbol overlain on all Stratagems. By doing so you will scrap the Stratagem and recuperate the Scrap Points indicated. In Scrap Mode the Craft Stratagem button is also visible on the right side of the tab. Click the Craft Stratagem button to generate a new Craft Stratagem (and doing so will also get you out of Scrap Mode and back in regular mode).

3.6.6. DECISIONS

This Tab groups all the Decisions you are asked to make for your current turn. Note that you are never obliged to make them and nothing is stopping you from ending your turn without making some or all of them (if you don't, the sender of the Decision will make the Decision, or if possible the Decision will be postponed to the next turn).



1 If there are multiple Decisions, they'll be sorted in Sub Tabs.

2 Once a Sub Tab is clicked you can select the specific Decision you want to inspect.

3 You'll have to click on one of the choice buttons to choose your specific Decision. Note that the probable consequences (like Regime Profile change) are displayed next to the choice text as well as any costs (like PP or Credits).

4 Furthermore, for each Decision you can see the impact (if any) on your Leaders if chosen. A green value represents a Relation improvement and a red value represents a Relation deterioration.

5 A stamp in the top shows if this Decision is "real time" or "archived". If it is "real time" it means that you can still make other actions and re-inspect the Decision that could be changed upon those actions. If it is "archived" it means that the Decision will not take any changes to the game state into account that you might make during your turn.

6 The sender of the message. This is quite often your Secretary, but it can also be Council Directors or Governors. Remember you can click the portrait to get detailed stats on the Leader in question.

There are many different kinds of Decisions. Some of them present you with multiple choice buttons like in the example above, but others might have a slightly different interface, like for example budget Decisions that will give you sliders to play with.

The screenshot shows the 'EMPIRE DASHBOARD' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: OVERVIEWS (1), LETTERBOX, ORGANISATIONS, ZONES, HQs, and HELP. On the left, a sidebar lists various overview categories, with 'Empire Dashboard' (2) selected. The main content area (4) displays the 'EMPIRE DASHBOARD' for 'Respected' (77). It includes a circular popularity score gauge (3), a list of support levels (Pop Support: 81, Worker Support: 62, Soldier Support: 51, Leader Support: 70), and a 'WORK SCORE' table (Shifty: 50). A 'Tech Level' section shows values for Tech Level (3.00), Admin Level (1.22), and Civilisation Level (1.00). A table lists tax and credit values: Next turn BP's (53), New FP's (20), Start turn Credits (560), Prestige Damage (0), Income Tax % (20), and Sales Tax % (0). A 'Budgets allocated' table shows allocations for the Supreme Command Council (100% / 50 BP) to Political Power (50% / 25 BP) and General Stratagems (50% / 25 BP). Game metadata (5) includes Game Build: v 0.97.23 and Scenario Version: 00.97e - 2418. A 'FROM' field (6) identifies the sender as Boba Grossinight, Secretary, with a 'CALL' button.

3.6.7. REPORTS

This Tab groups all the Reports you have received for your current turn.

- 1 If there are multiple Reports, they'll be sorted in Sub Tabs.
- 2 Once a Sub Tab is clicked, you can select the specific Report you want to inspect.
- 3 In the "Empire Dashboard" Report you are presented with an overview of your core stats as well as list of the Organizations that are active and their budget allocations.
- 4 The "Empire Dashboard" Report also reminds you of the game version you are using.
- 5 A stamp in the top shows if this Decision is "real time" or "archived". If it is "real time" it means that you can still make other actions and re-inspect the Decision that could be changed upon those actions. If it is "archived" it means that the Decision will not take any changes to the game state in to account that you might make during your turn.
- 6 The sender of the message. This is often your Secretary, but it can also be Council Directors or Governors. Remember you can click the portrait to get detailed stats on the Leader in question.

3.6.8. MINI MAP

The smallest of all the Top Tabs. It is so small because it allows you to continue to Move your Units with this Tab open for orientation.

If you click on the Mini map, the map will centre on that spot.

Mouse Wheel

If you Mouse Wheel with the mouse hovering over the Strategic map you'll be able to scroll the actual Planet. This can be useful if your initial starting location is too close to the edge, for example.

3.7. THE LEFT BAR



The Left Bar gives you access to some very important information.

- 1 The SHQ Inventory bar.
- 2 The Unit Bar (only present if you have a very low screen resolution).
- 3 The Regime Profile bar.
- 4 The Quick Zone and SHQ Bar.

3.7.1. SHQ INVENTORY BAR



This bar shows the inventory of the SHQ that is assigned to the Zone of the selected Hex on the map.

It shows all the Items present in the stocks of the SHQ. Furthermore, it shows the change in the stocks compared to the last end of turn and the start of your current turn.

If you mouse-over an Item, you'll be notified of the in- and outflows to and from the SHQ in question.

If you want to see what specific Units received from the SHQ to go the Stats Tab in the Top Bar.

If you want to see what specific Zones sent to and received from the SHQ, go to the Items Tab in the Bottom Bar.

Note that SHQs may lose Items (if they cannot sell them to Traders) due to Maximum Item Storage rules. If Maximum Item Storage has been reached this will be indicated with an * asterisk sign directly after the Item quantity.

You can also click on the SHQ name to directly select the SHQ Unit.

3.7.2. REGIME PROFILE BAR



This bar shows the current Profile scores of your Regime. First the 3 Profile Groups are displayed. After auxiliary Profiles are displayed.

The highest Profile in a group is presented bigger and to the left of a group. Colors are used to indicate if a Profile is surpassing another Profile (green) or is being surpassed itself (red) or the Profile is surpassing and being surpassed at the same time (yellow).

You can mouse over a Profile to get detailed information what Regime Feats it can unlock at what scores.

3.7.3. UNIT BAR

This bar is only accessible if you have a very low screen resolution. In that case you'll be able to see all Unit present in the selected Hex in this Tab. With normal or better screen resolution, the Units will be present in the Unit Tab in the Bottom Bar.

3.7.4. QUICK ZONE AND SHQ BAR

Allows you to quickly switch from one Zone to another. You can also click on SHQ names.

3.8. THE RIGHT BAR



The Right Bar gives you access to Orders Layers and Order Modes.

- 1 The Order Bar
- 2 The Map Layers Bar
- 3 The Map Order Modes Bar

3.8.1. THE ORDER BAR

This bar shows you all the Orders you can execute on either an SHQ, a selected Unit or a selected Zone.



1 You can make your selected SHQ sell or buy Items (Trade), or transform Items (Workshop) or transfer Items to another SHQ. You can also buy Replacement Troops to be placed in your SHQ.

2 You can order your selected Zone to raise a new Formation, change its SHQ or receive Colonists. You can also order the selected Hex in the selected Zone to become the City for a new-to-be formed Zone or to construct an Asset on it.

3 You can micro-manage the selected Unit or directly buy Replacement Troops for it. It is also possible to transfer Troops from the selected Unit to another Unit in the same Hex (or to a new to be formed Battle Group (BG)).

3.8.1.1. WORKSHOP

Selected SHQ will be used.

Here you can produce Ammunitions and Machines.

Drag the relevant slider for either Ammo or Machines and press the “Produce” button to validate.

No slider is available if you do not have the Items to produce at least a quantity of 1.

The relevant Item inventory of the SHQ is shown as well as the costs involved in producing.

3.8.1.2. REPLACEMENT TROOPS

This Order can be executed on an SHQ or on a non-SHQ Unit.

Producing in an SHQ never requires any Logistical Points since everything is taking place in the same Hex. Neither do Quality Levels limit your choice. Also, you will not need to pay for the Supply Stocks (like Fuel, Ammo and Food).

For normal Units and OHQs, the condition is that there are enough Logistical Points to transport the Replacement Troops from your SHQ (where they are produced) to your Unit in the field. Furthermore, you can only produce Models that conform to any Quality Level settings for the Unit in question. You'll also need to pay for the Troops' Supply Stocks.

Executing on a SHQ

Here you can produce Troops that will arrive in your selected SHQ. They will most likely function there as Replacement Troops to replace losses of Units in the order of battle of the SHQ.

PRODUCE REPLACEMENT TROOPS

INFANTRY OPTIONS

MODEL	NAME	QUALITY LVL	PROD COST	WEIGHT
	Riflemen	Obsolete	1 2 100	5
	Troopers	Low	3 5 5 100	6

1 The SHQ that is being used.

2 The different Reinforcement Types that are present in the SHQ compared to what the Units in the order of battle of the SHQ are missing. So for example 400/100 Infantry means that the SHQ has 400 Infantry while the Units in its order of battle are missing 100 Infantry.

3 A list of Models that belong to the selected Reinforcement Type. Click on one in order to select how many of it to produce. Any production will be placed in the SHQ.

Executing on a non-SHQ

Here you can produce Troops that will arrive directly in the selected Unit.

PRODUCE REPLACEMENT TROOPS



1

10th MG Infantry Battalion

INFANTRY
800/600

MOTORIZED TRANSPORT
0/0

ARTILLERY
0/0

LIGHT ARMOUR
0/0

ARMoured TRANSPORT
0/0

MACHINEGUN
0/200

Inventory

INFANTRY OPTIONS

Unit cannot take more of this type.
You have 96 Logistical Points available between SHQ and Unit.
Unit allows all Quality Levels.

3

MODEL	NAME	QUALITY LVL	PROD COST	WEIGHT
	Riflemen	Obsolete	1 2 2 2 100 1	6
	Troopers	Low	3 2 5 100 3	6

1 The Unit that you want to create Troops for.

2 The different Reinforcement Types that are present in the Unit compared to what it ideally should have present. So for example 0/200 Machineguns means that the Unit is missing 200 Machineguns.

3 A list of Models that belong to the selected Reinforcement Type. Click on one in order to select how many of it to produce. Any production will be placed directly in the Unit.

3.8.1.3. TRADE

Selected SHQ will be used.

TRADERS

1

BUY

SELL

You have 3279 credits available.

Buy 0 Fuel for 0 Credits

< [] >

2

BUY

▲ 233 Fuel available.
At price point: 1.17 Credits.

Buy 0 Metal for 0 Credits

< [] >

BUY

▲ 291 Metal available.
At price point: 4.20 Credits.

Buy 0 Water for 0 Credits

< [] >

BUY

▲ 2428 Water available.
At price point: 0.26 Credits.

Buy 0 Food for 0 Credits

< [] >

BUY

▲ 1595 Food available.
At price point: 0.86 Credits.

Buy 0 Rare Earth Metals for 0 Credits

< [] >

BUY

▲ 372 Rare Earth Metals available.
At price point: 7.97 Credits.

Buy 0 Radioactives for 0 Credits

< [] >

BUY

▲ 6 Radioactives available.
At price point: 110.8 Credits.

Buy 0 Machines for 0 Credits

< [] >

BUY

▲ 10 Machines available.
At price point: 104.25 Credits.

Buy 0 Hi-Tech parts for 0 Credits

< [] >

BUY

▲ 6 Hi-Tech parts available.
At price point: 291.9 Credits.

1 You can select either to buy from the Traders (costs Credits) or to sell to the Traders (gives Credits).

2 You need to move a slider to indicate the quantity you want to buy or sell and then press the associated buy or sell button to the right side of the slider. Purchases are limited to the amount of Credits you have available as well as the amount of Items the Traders have and are willing to sell.

Sales are limited to the amount of Credits the Traders have as well as the amount they are willing to buy this round.

If an Item's price point is too low, you will not be able to sell an Item to the Traders.

3.8.1.4. ZONE SHQ

Selected Zone will be used.

If you have multiple SHQs you can give this Order to subordinate a specific Zone to a specific SHQ.

3.8.1.5. RAISE FORMATION

Selected SHQ will be used and the selected Hex will be used.

This Order has 4 different Tabs.

New Formation allows you to create a new single Unit or multi-Unit Formation.

New SHQ allows you to create an extra SHQ.

Missing Unit allows you to recreate a lost Unit of a multi-Unit Formation.

Missing HQ allows you to recreate a lost OHQ of a multi-Unit Formation.

Except for the New SHQ, all Unit creation will require you to have the necessary Logistical Points to transport the produced Troops to the selected Hex.

New Formation

New Formation allows you to create a new single Unit or multi-Unit Formation.

This Tab will show you a list of Formations (5) you can produce. The items shown in the list depend on your settings above the list (1-4).

RAISE FORMATION

New Formation New SHQ Missing Unit Missing HQ

SIZE Battalion Regiment Division **1** MULTI UNIT With HQs Independent **3**

QUALITY Low Average High **2** Elite Use SHQ troops **4**

COUNTERS	NAME	%	TROOPS	ITEM COST
	Independent Infantry Battalion	100%	1000x Infantry	1000 50
	Independent Motorized Infantry Battalion	63%	1000x Infantry, 100x Motorized	30 2
	Independent MC Battalion	100%	500x Machingegun	2000 190
	Independent Motorized MC Battalion	100%	500x Machingegun, 50x Motorized	110 2
	Independent Recon Battalion	76%	50x Buggy	500 35
	Independent Artillery Battalion	100%	50x Artillery	20 2
	Independent Motorized Artillery Battalion	100%	50x Artillery, 50x Motorized	1000 105
	Independent Light Tank Battalion	76%	50x Light	60 2
				500 100
				75 2
				500 175
				250 2
				1000 245
				290 2
				500 370
				395 2

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1 Size allows you to select which size of Formations should be shown in the list.

2 Multi-Unit allows you to select if only single-Unit Formations, which are also called Independent Formations should be shown or if only multi-Unit Formations, with an OHQ should be shown in the list.

3 Quality Level allows you to select which Models are allowed to be produced and will limit the list to Formations to those that have Models available with the selected Quality Level (if not available the Formation will still be show but labelled “No Models available”).

4 If you toggle the Use SHQ Troops flag the calculation if you enough Items to produce a Formation will allow for using Troops already present in the SHQ. By reducing the need to produce Troops you reduce the cost and you might be able to produce some Formations you’ll otherwise not be able to.

5 You can select an item in the list if you can produce 50% or more of its Troops. You can mouse over that percentage to see if it is low because of lack of Logistics to the selected Hex or lack of Items at the SHQ.

After you have clicked on a Formation in the list you’ll be brought to a second window.



Here you can make a final inspection and some final choices before actually raising the Formation.

1 The percentage of Items (Metal, IP, etc..) needed you have available at the SHQ. Ideally this is 100%. A lower percentage means the Formation will not be fully produced, but will be lacking some Troops. Note that the Item cost is shown in detail with for each Item the cost for raising the Formation versus the reserves in the SHQ. So for example 20/1264 Metal signifies raising the Formation costs 20 Metal while you have 1264 Metal available at SHQ.

2 The percentage of Logistical Points needed between the SHQ and the selected Hex. Ideally this is 100%. A lower percentage means the Formation will not be fully produced, but will be lacking some Troops.

3 The percentage of the Formation that will be raised. Will be equal to the lowest percentage of Logistical Points percentage and Items percentage. It has to be 50 or more in order for the raising of the Formation to be allowed.

4 If you have multiple Models that belong to the same Reinforcement Type than you can (de)select which ones will be included in the new to be raised Formation.

5 Press the “Raise Formation” button when you are sure and it will be done! Note that there is also a Use SHQ Troops flag. If toggled you’ll be able to include Troops already present in the SHQ Unit to be included in the new Formation.



- 1 Flag or unflag the Use SHQ Troops flag to use them or not.
- 2 If using SHQ Troops you can select which Models you allow to be used and which not.
- 3 Furthermore, you can set the percentage of Formation Troops that will be produced and the percentage that will come from Troops already in the SHQ.
- 4 And last but not least you can ex- or include certain Veterancy Classes of the SHQ Troops. This allows you for example to raise an elite new Formation from disbanded remnants (and thus ending up in SHQ) of older Formations.

New SHQ

Will create a new SHQ on the selected Hex at a hefty price in PP. The selected Hex must be a City Hex.

Missing Unit

Will allow you to just raise a missing single part of a multi-Unit Formation. The Units you can “Reform” are displayed and you can select which one to reform.

The interface uses a quick mode in this Tab and pressing the “Reform” button will immediately produce the missing Unit. You’ll not be able to make any specifications at this moment. However, if SHQ Troops are available they will be used.

Missing HQ

Will allow you to just raise a missing OHQ of a multi-Unit Formation. The HQs you can “Reform” are displayed and you can select which one to “Reform.”

The interface uses a quick mode in this Tab and pressing the “Reform” button will immediately produce the missing Hq. You’ll not be able to make any specifications at this moment. However, if SHQ Troops are available they will be used.

3.8.1.6. SEND COLONISTS

This Order can be used for two purposes. Firstly, to send Colonists from an SHQ to a Zone that is attached to that SHQ and secondly, to disband Recruits in SHQ and return them to the Zone as Population.

3.8.1.7. CONSTRUCT [C]

Selected Hex will be used.

This Order can in theory be made on any Hex in any Zone. Note that some Assets can only be constructed in Cities and some only in “Rural” Hexes. A Rural Hex is another way of saying a non-City Hex.

The Construction Popup provides you with a list of Assets that you could construct. They are sorted over a number of Tabs, like Farming, Mining, etc..

1 CONSTRUCTING A RURAL ASSET **2** Hex has Road connection. Hex inside Logistical Network **3** Create new Zone is impossible.

Agriculture [1] Mining [0] Energy [0] Industry [0] Government [0] Logistics [4]

Agriculture Assets max Level IV. (City max: IV. Tech Level max: IV)

Upgrades possible:

	AGRICULTURAL FACILITY III	4	20900 3750 900	5	START UPGRADE
1 Rnda: 7500 150 75					

Currently impossible projects:

	XENO-AGRICULTURAL FACILIT. I	6500 1000 200	Already use this kind of Asset Types present in this Hex...		
1 Rnda: 5000 1 100 50					
	AGRICULTURAL DOME FACILIT. I	10 200 5500 200	Already use this kind of Asset Types present in this Hex.		
2 Rnda: 5000 1 100 50					

Lacking technology for:

	HYDROPHONIC FOOD FACTORY I	1100 100 100 200	This Asset Type can only be build inside a City hex...		
2 Rnda: 1000 2 1 250 125					

1 In the top left you can see if you are attempting to construct on a Rural or a City Hex.

2 In order for construction to work the Hex must ideally have access to at least 100 Logistical Points. The game will automatically construct a Dirt Road for you to connect up with your Logistical Network if necessary, at an extra cost. It is also possible this is not an option and in that case

you must first improve logistics leading towards your selected Hex before commencing constructing.

3 If the Hex is far away from existing Cities, you can flag the create New Zone flag. This will automatically create a new Zone upon completion of construction of the Asset. Don't feel obliged to use it as you can always order a new Zone to be formed on the Hex in question later on.

For each Asset the colour indicates if you can proceed with constructing it. White means you can proceed. Yellow means there is some condition that is not being met. Red means you have to do research first before being allowed to construct the Asset in question.

4 For each Asset the construction cost is listed. Note that the Item quantities shown must be paid for every Round of construction.

5 For each Asset the production power (upon construction completed) is also shown. In the top row the production cost + Upkeep cost is shown. In the bottom row the resulting production is shown.

Once you know which Asset you want to construct you press the "Start Construct" button for that specific Asset.

3.8.1.8. NEW ZONE

Selected Hex will be used.

The Hex must have at least one Asset in order to found a new Zone.

The Hex must also have a minimum distance from other City Zones.

Once you go ahead in picking the new Zone's SHQ the Zone will be created, and the selected Hex will become the City Hex of the Zone.

3.8.1.9. UNIT ADMINISTRATION

Selected Unit will be used.

This Order has 5 different Tabs.

Settings allows you to fine-tune the behaviour of the Formation, as well as inspect some detailed statistics of the Unit. Depending on if you are inspecting a SHQ or a non-SHQ Unit different options will be available. Militia Units will hardly have any settings you can set.

Change HQ allows you to change the HQ of a Formation.

Upgrade and Downgrade allow you to change the Formation Type.

Disband allows you to order a Unit or Formation to return all Troops to SHQ.

Settings for a Non-SHQ

This will be nearly the same for a non-HQ Unit and an OHQ. Except for the fact you can change the colour of the OHQ if you want to.

UNIT ADMINISTRATION

SETTINGS CHANGE HQ UPGRADE DOWNGRADE DISBAND

Current Replacement Percentage: 100%
New Replacement Percentage = 100% **1**

UNIT INTEGRITY: 100% **4**

Quality levels of troops & equipment for unit:

Quality Level	Allowed	Tolerated	Disallowed
Low Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regular Quality 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elite Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

UPDATE **3**

Name: '16th MG Infantry Battalion'
RENAME

UNIT LOG **5**

UNIT INTEGRITY: 100%
FCM: MG Infantry Brigade
TOE: MG Infantry Battalion

ARMY TYPE	CUR	TOE	WINDING
Infantry	8	8	0
Machinegun	2	2	0
Total	10	10	0

UNIT LOG
Consumed 10 food of 10 needed. (had available: 20)
Food percentage: 100
+3 morale for Riflemen.
+20 readiness for Riflemen.
+4 xp for Riflemen.
+3 morale for Troopers.
+20 readiness for Troopers.
+4 xp for Troopers.
+3 morale for ANG.
+20 readiness for ANG.
+4 xp for ANG.

1 Normally the Replacement Percentage of a Formation is at 100%. If you set it lower, it means that losses will not be replaced by Replacement Troops until the troop percentage left is lower than the Replacement Percentage. Don't forget to click Update after changing.

2 By default all Quality Levels (except Obsolete of course) are allowed to be in the Unit and be sent to it as Replacement Troops. Here you can exclude certain Quality Levels. Allowed means the Unit wants to keep and receive that Quality Level. Tolerated means the Unit wants to keep, but not receive the Quality Level and Disallowed means the Unit neither wants to keep, nor receive the Quality Level. Don't forget to click Update after changing.

3 Click Update after making changes (except for Rename which is immediate).

4 Shows you what kind of Formation the Unit is and what its ideal TOE (table of organization and equipment) is. CUR means current Troops in the Unit while TOE shows the ideal Troops present in the Unit

5 A quick log showing all the changes to the Units Troops variables during start of turn calculations.

Settings for a SHQ

As you might already know the SHQ is the spider in your logistical web. It sends Items to all Zones and Units that need them and receives excess Zone Items and unneeded Unit Troops back. In theory, your Logistical network will have enough points to provide for all those tasks. However, in practice you might find that there are not enough Logistical Points available to accomplish all tasks.

That is why you can reserve Logistical Points for specific SHQ usages. For example, you could set Sent to Zones, pickup from Zones, Unit Supply each to 30% so there is always 10% left for sending Replacement Troops.

Change HQ

A simple window where you can pick the new HQ.

Independent Non-HQ Units can be attached under OHQ (if enough auxiliary slots left) or under SHQ.

Units from a Multi-Unit Formation cannot change their HQ.

OHQs can only be attached to SHQs.

Militia Units can only be attached to SHQs.

Upgrade and Downgrade Formation Type

This is basically a way to change the Formation Type. It might result in some Troops getting sent back to the SHQ because they will no longer be needed (since the TOE changed) and it might as well result in requesting extra Replacement Troops to provide for the now missing Troops compared to its new TOE.

Upgrades and Downgrades are applied for the whole Formation if it concerns a multi-Unit Formation.

Disband

Setting a Unit to Disband is not permanent and you can return the same turn to unset it from Disband Mode. If an OHQ is selected all Units in its Formation will be set to Disband. If a non-HQ is selected only that Unit will disband.

The Disband effect goes into effect start of next turn. If enough Logistical Points are available an empty husk of a Unit will remain and be removed the turn after.

3.8.1.10. TRANSFER / BATTLEGROUP

An order for advanced players. It allows you to form Battlegroups from Regular Units as well as transferring Troops from one Regular Unit to another in the same Hex.

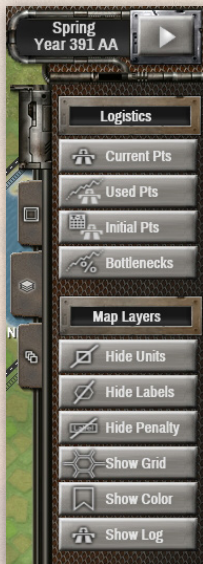
Keep in mind that Battlegroups might provide flexibility, but also come at some costs. Notably non-GR troops in Battlegroups suffer a -15% on their attack value.

3.8.2. THE MAP LAYER BAR

This bar allows you to enable or disable graphical overlays on the map.

Current Points [L]

When this layer is active, your remaining Logistical Points are shown on the map. The Logistical Points can be used for Strategic Movement, SHQ Transfers, Replacement Troop purchases in another Hex than the SHQ Hex and raising new Formations in another Hex than the SHQ Hex.



Used Points

When this layer is active, all the Logistical Points that have already been expended during your turn are shown.

Initial Points

When this layer is active, the Logistical Points you received at the start of turn and before any of them were used are shown.

Bottlenecks

When this layer is active, the game will show you the percentage of Initial Points that are still left. The lower the percentage that is left the more the colour will turn alarming. Remember that only if the colour turns black have you exhausted all initial Logistical Points on a certain trajectory.

Preview Pts [P]

When this layer is active, the game will show you the probable initial Logistical Points you'll receive at the start of your next turn. Furthermore, when selected, a Zone-sensitive list box will appear that allows you to select a specific logistical Asset and inspect just the Logistical Points that the selected specific Asset will generate, overlaid in a brighter colour over the total preview of Logistical Points.

Hide Units [1]

Hides all the Units so you have a clear view on the map.

Hide Labels [2]

Hides all the City and Rural Asset and Hex Perk names.

Hide Penalty [3]

There can be movement penalties (and combat penalties) on certain Hexes. They can distract the player and so can be switched off.

Show Grid [4]

Grid lines can help you better interpret the map.

Show Colour [5]

Colours the Hexes belonging to other Regimes to improve clarity of the situation.

Show Log [6]

Shows the Operational Logistics Ranges. Green is excellent, yellow is sub-part, blue is bad, red is really bad.

3.8.3. THE ORDER MODES BAR

This bar contains the same buttons to switch Order Modes as right clicking on the selected Hex on the map. See the section on the map for quick explanations of the different Order Modes.

3.9. THE BOTTOM TABS

Here you can inspect your Zones, Other Regimes and your Units. Three of the five Tabs are reserved for the Zones: the Zone Tab itself, the Asset Tab and the Items Tab.



In some of the Tabs you'll be able to give Orders. Notably, you can Call your Governor (Zone Tab) or Commander (Unit Tab). Furthermore, you can change the Mode of your Assets in the Asset Tab.

There is a wealth of information in the Bottom Tabs. Do not panic!

1 Button to minimize (or maximize) the Bottom Tabs and have more map space available.

2 The different Bottom Tabs. From left to right: Zone Tab, Unit Tab, Regime Tab, Asset Tab and Items Tab.

3 The current Order Mode you are using. Use the Order Mode Tab in the Right Bar to change or right click on an already selected Hex.

4 Some quick info on the selected Hex. Mouse-over it to get detailed info on the modifiers of the Hex in combat and movement.

5 A picture of the Landscape of the Hex as well as a small banner of the Regime controlling the Hex.

In all Tabs and if your resolution has enough screen width, you'll be able to see the Hex Info Section. It is possible to disable it by flagging Max Asset Space in the Prefs Tab.



1 Shows the temperature of the Hex in degrees Celsius.

2 Shows the rainfall on the Hex in mm/year during this Round.

3 Shows the number of Scavenge Points present in the Hex. These can be collected by constructing a Recycling Facility.

4 The number of Hex Recon Points you have on the Hex. The more you have the more precise you'll be able to determine the strength of enemy forces. Use mouse over for detailed info.

5 The number of Stack Points in the Hex. The stacking limit in *Shadow Empire* is quite high at 100 points or the equivalent of 10,000 Infantry Troops.

6 The AP Penalty on the Hex is shown here. This penalty will be the sum of ZOC penalty and AP Penalty for taking Enemy Hex and/or the Battle Delay Penalty caused by a previous battle.

7 RAD is short for Radiation Points. Mouse over these points to see the impact level they'll have on your presence in the Hex.

3.9.1. THE ZONE TAB

This Tab gives you all the core information on the Zone that the selected Hex belongs to.



1 If the City sub tab is selected (the top-left one of the nine sub tab buttons) the Governor of the Zone is shown together with the option to Call him/her. There is also the option to directly go to the Stratagem Tab with the current Zone selected as target.

2 There are nine sub tabs available to get detailed information on from top to bottom, left to right: City Level, Population, Workers, Zone administration Mode, Population Happiness, Worker Happiness, Civilisation Score, Cultural Adaptation Score (CAS) and Logistics. All sub tab buttons including their details have mouse over texts available for further explanations.

3 Some extra sub tab buttons might be available here if something is to be shown. For example, the one shown here when clicked gives extra information of Militancy and Militia forces of the Zone.

3.9.2. THE UNIT TAB

This Tab gives you all the core information on the selected Unit.



1 There are several sub tab buttons you can select. Note that the bigger one with the big Unit counter on top of it gives you the info (2) on the first Commander in its chain of command and the Posture of the Formation (if any).

When other sub tab buttons are pressed you'll be able to see different information than the Commander and the Posture. From left to right, top to bottom the sub tab buttons give information on: Type and Quality Levels of Unit, Action Points (AP), Readiness, Morale, Experience, HQ Power and organizational stats and the last sub tab button gives info on Supply stocks and the Unit's requests and deliveries received.

2 If the big sub tab button with the Unit counter is pressed the Commander info will be displayed. This includes the option to Call the Commander and the option to open the Stratagem Tab with the current Unit selected as target.

If applicable there is also the option to go to the Hex of the (S)HQ of the selected Unit and select that (S)HQ. This way you can quickly move up in the chain of command if necessary.

3 The Posture of the Formation is shown. Keep in mind only multi-unit Formations with their own OHQ Commander can be assigned a Posture. A Posture is assigned by playing a Posture Stratagem on the Formation. You can mouse over the Posture name and image to get details on its effects and modifiers.

4 The Troops and Unit Feats of the Unit are shown here. If you want detailed information on some Troops, click them and a popup will appear giving you detailed stats on those selected Troops.

3.9.3. THE REGIME TAB

This Tab gives you all the core information on the selected Regime. The selected Regime is the owner of the selected Hex.

The screenshot shows the Regime Tab for 'Castelnau Commune'. It is divided into several sections:

- Unit Counter:** A large green button with a unit icon and the number '1'.
- Commander Info:** A section with a portrait of 'Quistes Dimeu, FIRST CITIZEN' and a '3 FRIENDS Strat' button. Below it, it says 'Republican MAJON REGIME'.
- Stats Bar:** A row of buttons for 'REQ', 'COM', 'FIN', 'RES', 'EXP', and 'EXP', with the number '4' below them.
- Politics Profile:** A section with icons for '25', '33', and '33'.
- Society Profile:** A section with icons for '20', '79', and '19'.
- Psychology Profile:** A section with icons for '36', '70', and '27'.
- Tech Level:** A section with the value '4.66'.
- Culture Type:** A section with the value 'Republican' and the number '5'.
- Leading Faction:** A section with the value 'Realpolitikers'.
- Castelnau Commune Parliament:** A table with the number '6' in the top right corner.

Castelnau Commune Parliament 6		
Democratic Trade Faction	86%	-
Economic Group	24%	7
United Force	19%	-

- 1 The banner of the selected Regime.
- 2 The name of the selected Regime.
- 3 The portrait, title and name of the Leader of the selected Regime.

Below that on a black background your current Relation level with the Regime in question.

To the right of the Relation level with a coloured background the current status of your Relation is given:

- Red background for a state of war or for an Unclear Relation with a Minor Regime
- Green for Allies or Friends status with a Major Regime or peace with a Minor Regime
- Blue for Cold or Blackmail status (but at peace) with a Major Regime

To the right of the status, a button to play a Stratagem on the Regime will be available.

Below that you'll be able to see if it concerns a Minor or a Major Regime and what kind of Culture the Regime is.

4 A number of detailed statistics. From left to right: The Recon on the Regime, Communication level with the Regime, Trade deal level with the Regime, Research deal level with the Regime, Military pact level with the Regime, your Import Tariff setting on goods imported from this Regime and your Export Tariff setting on goods exported to this Regime.

5 From top to bottom: An overview of the Profile of the Regime, the Tech Level of the Regime, Culture Type and a classification for the leading Faction within the Regime.

6 The name of the Political Body of the Regime.

7 The different Factions active within the Regime. For each their last election result in vote percentage is shown, as well as any Faction Support Points if they have any.

3.9.4. THE ASSET TAB

This Tab gives you all the core information on the Assets in the selected Zone.

You can select an Asset displayed here on the right side to get more detailed info and operations



1 The detailed info and options for the selected Asset. It repeats the Zone where the Asset is present (in case it is a delegated asset this might display other info) and gives you the core info: Last production % (100% is ideal), last Upkeep %, any Damage Points and the current Limit Production setting.

2 You can order your Assets in to 3 different modes. The normal and default Production mode, the Mothball mode in which the Asset is kept from degrading (accumulating Damage Points), but will not produce anything and Closed mode, in which the Asset will be fully abandoned and will eventually disappear due to lack of maintenance.

3 If the Asset is in Production mode, you can further fine tune it by limiting its production to a certain percentage. 100% means there is no limit in place.

4 Each Asset in the Zone (or Hex) is shown here. If you click once you select it. If you click again you'll open a popup with more detailed information on the Asset Type as well as the specific Asset Log for the selected Asset.

5 Above the Asset illustration the Items that were consumed by the Asset are shown. If the number is coloured white all is okay. If the number is yellow part of the needed Items were not available. If the number is red none of the Items needed were available. You can mouse over each Item for more info.

6 Below the Asset illustration the Items that were produced by the Asset are shown. If the number is coloured white all is okay. If the number is yellow only part of the Items that could have been produced were produced. If the number is red, no Items were produced. You can mouse over each Item for more info.

7 The little light in the top-right corner of each Asset is a quick reminder of the mode the Asset is in. Green for Production mode. Yellow for Mothball mode. Red for Closed mode.

8 The bars to the right give you a quick visual indication of Production % and Upkeep %. You can mouse over them for more information. If the Asset is damaged a red coloured bar will appear to the left indication the amount of Damage Points.

9 Here you find pagination buttons (if you have more Assets than can be displayed in one row) as well as buttons to select which Assets are shown. From top to bottom: only the Assets in the selected Hex, all the Assets in the Hex, Only Public Assets, only Private Assets and the last button: only Delegated Assets.

You might have noticed some Assets are shown in a different colour scheme than others.



1 Grey coloured Asset blocks signify Public Assets. These will use Items from your Zone.

2 Brown coloured Asset blocks signify Private Assets. These will use “Private Items” from your Zone.

3 + 4 Yellowish coloured Asset blocks signify Free Folk or Hex Perks. These never need any Items from your Zone.

5 Purple for Assets that are delegated to another Zone. Note that when inspecting the Asset in the Zone where is its physical Hex it will show “delegated” in the top.

6 Pink for Assets that are delegated from another Zone. Note that when inspecting the Asset in the Zone where it is delegated to it will show the name of the Zone where its physical Hex is in the top of its block.

3.9.5. THE ITEMS TAB

This Tab gives you all the core information on what flowed in and out of the Zone Inventory. The in-flows are production from Assets and Items sent from SHQ. The outflows are Consumption by Assets and others (like your Workers consuming Food). If the leftover Items are not necessary for the Zone Inventory, then they will be sent to SHQ.

1	PROD	2	IN	3	CONS	4	OUT	5	STOCK
	+153	0			-6	95		12	
	+892	0			0	892		0	
	9	0			0	4		5	

1 The production will come mostly from your Assets. But some can come from other sources. Mouse over the number to get a breakdown of known sources. The number will be in yellow if

production was sub-optimal due to some Asset Consumption Items missing. The number will be red if production was zero due to Items missing.

2 The SHQ will send Items if the Zone doesn't have enough Zone Inventory for Consumption by your Assets, Workers and possible other needs. Mouse over the number to get a detailed breakdown. The number will be yellow if the SHQ was not able to send the needed Items. The number will be red if the SHQ sent none of the needed Items.

3 Your Assets will consume certain Items in order to produce and your Workers will consume Food. Other consumption may take place as well. Mouse over the number to get a detailed breakdown. The number will be in yellow if Assets were unable to consume all Items needed. The number will be red if none of the Items needed for consumption were present.

4 Any excess Items not needed for the Zone Inventory will be sent to the SHQ. The number will be yellow if not all Items could be sent back (for example due to lack of Logistical Points between Zone and SHQ). The number will be red if none of the Items earmarked for sending back could be sent back.

5 The Zone Inventory at this moment. Should usually correspond with the consumption needed start of next turn. Mouse over this number to also see information on the maximum storage points for the specific Item and how much of it is used by the SHQ.

3.10. THE MANAGEMENT SCREEN

The Management Screen is complementary to your Reports Tab. By using the full screen and some more nifty sorting options it allows you to better analyse some aspects of your Regime.



There are (from left to right) tabs to inspect and manage: Assets in all your Zones (ASSET), all the Models you have developed (MODEL), your Leaders (LEADER), your Regime Profile (PROF), Technologies (TECH) and Model Types (TYPE).

3.10.1. THE ASSET TAB

This Tab allows you to inspect and order all the Assets in all your Zones.

The screenshot shows the 'Asset' management interface for a zone named 'Halkan'. The interface includes a top navigation bar with tabs for ASSET, MODEL, LEADER, PROF, TECH, and TYPE. The main area displays a grid of asset cards for different zones (KAPPEL, CITY, VIKKA, CITY, CITY, VIKKA SPRINGS, CARBON FACILITY). Each card shows an icon, a name, and various statistics. A table on the right lists resource production and inventory for various items. A bottom panel shows an 'Options' menu for a selected asset.

	SHQ DELI	ZONE CONG	ZONE PROD	SHQ PICK	ZONE Inv.
Food	23	182		298	46
H2O			1876	1876	
Fuel	20	17			17
Arma					
Med			56	56	
IP			51	51	
Eng	10	100		90	10
Rad					
Rec			500	500	
Col					
Rare					
Mach					
HiTech					

Options for Rail Station I:

- UPKP: 100%
- PROD: 100%
- DAM: 9
- LIM: 100%

Buttons: Delegate, Accept (100% Prod), Momball (75% Prod), Close (50% Prod), 25% Prod.

1 If you have multiple SHQs you can choose here which Zones will appear in the list below.

2 All the Zones belonging to the selected SHQ. Click one to have the Assets in that Zone shown.

3 Numerous switches to limit shown Assets to a certain type of Asset.

4 Actual Assets. You can click to have it appear in the bottom (so you can change its orders). Click again to see a detailed information popup.

5 The same orders are available here as in the Bottom Zone Tab.

6 You can either select to review how consumption and production went at the start of this turn or you can select “preview” to have an idea what will be consumed and produced next turn. Furthermore, it is possible to expand or collapse the detailed table (7) with Item in- and outflow information (just like in the Bottom Items Tab).

7 This detailed table present the same information on the selected Zone as the Bottom Items Tab, but on top of that when in Preview mode it also will show you a prognosis of the inventory of your SHQ.

3.10.2. THE MODELS TAB

This Tab allows you to inspect all your Models and in which Units they are present as well as giving you the power to set the Quality Levels of all Models and the Quality Level settings for all your Units. All in one handy screen!

1 Here you can select a Reinforcement Type and all Models sharing that Reinforcement Type will show up in the list to the right (4).

2 You can also select a SHQ and all Formations under that SHQ will show up in the list to the right (6).

3 For inspecting data on the Models you are viewing (4) there are several tabs available to you here to display different information on the Models.

4 It is possible to get a detailed info popup by clicking on a Model's graphic. You can select a Model by clicking on its name. When a Model is selected, the Unit list (6) in the bottom will be updated. To have all Models shown in that list, do not select any single Model (or click on an already selected Model to unselect).

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MAP HIS VID MING ASSET MODEL LEADER PROF TECH TYPE Early Summer Year 463 AA

Models for Reinforcement Type 'Infantry'

ICON	MODEL	COMBAT	COST	NONE	OBSOL	LOW	REG	HIGH	ELITE	VARIABLES
	F 001 Infantry	6	6			LOW				Skytower, Filters
	F 001 II Infantry	6	6				Reg.			Carbine, Filters
	F 001 III Infantry	12	14					High		Carbine, Padded Environment

1

Units TOE for selected Reinforcement Type 'Infantry'

UNIT NAME	TOE	TOE REINF	NONE	OBSOL	LOW	REG	HIGH	ELITE
1st SHQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1st MG Infantry Brigade	5600	4400	200	0	800	2200	0	0
2nd MG Infantry Brigade	5600	4500	0	0	0	0	4500	0
2nd Independent Infantry Battalion	1000	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0
3rd Independent Infantry Battalion	1000	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4th Independent Infantry Battalion	900	900	0	0	0	0	900	0
GR Jetpack	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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5 Click on a cell in the columns None, Obsolete, Low, Regular, High or Elite to set the Quality Level of the Model to that value. The default value is “None” which will always allow the Model in any Unit. Obsolete is a very severe settings and means this Model will be forbidden to be used by any Unit and if present immediately sent back to SHQ. If a Model is set to Low, Regular, High or Elite its usage by Units will depend on the Unit’s Quality Level settings.

6 First item in the list is the SHQ. You cannot change the Quality Level settings for an SHQ. After it follows OHQs (including their Units) and after that, Units attached directly to SHQ. TOT shows the total of all Troops present in the Formation. Depending on if you have a specific Model selected the column next to it either shows TOE. REINF or TOE. MODEL and shows you the total of all Troops present in the Formation that belong respectively to the selected Reinforcement Type or that are the selected Model.

7 Click on a cell in the columns Low, Regular, High and Elite to set the respective Unit’s Quality Level settings. Settings can either be set to Allowed

(green), Tolerated (yellow) or Disallowed (red). See Unit administration Order for more information. If a Model is Allowed, it will not be sent back and Replacement Troops of this Model will be welcome in the Unit. If a Model is Tolerated it will only be sent back if it can be replaced immediately by an Allowed Model of the same Reinforcement Type, but Replacement Troops of this Quality Level are not allowed. If a Model is Disallowed it will immediately be sent back to SHQ.

3.10.3. THE LEADER TAB

This tab allows you to inspect all your Leaders. It is especially strong in sorting through the loads of data available on the sometimes many Leaders in your service.

Portrait	Name	Rank	Stamina	Natural Defense Point	Technician	Prospecting
	Cornelius Tonidark Commander of 1st SHQ	3	100	100	-	-
	Gordon Raybark Advisor		91	100	-	2
	Bobby Vader Secretary		86	85	-	17
	Frank Southfield Director of Secret Service Council		79	87	-	-
	Wane Anrakis Director of Supreme Command Council		89	100	-	-
	Sloane Fastwood Director of Logistics Council		59	100	-	5
	Astron Coalnright Director of Military Research Council		88	100	28	-
	Logan Oram Director of Model Design Council		58	71	22	-
	China Darling Director of Foreign Affairs Council		84	100	-	-
	Damian Richardson Commander of 1st MG Infantry Brigade		41	48	-	-
	Lola Orion Governor of Aurba		91	100	-	8

5 Cornelius Tonidark
Commander of 1st SHQ
Call
Stratagem

1 The first list box allows you to select which kind of statistics you want to make accessible for (de)selecting in the second list box (2).

2 The second list box allows you to select a statistic or deselect a statistic (or select all or none in one click). Every statistic selected will be presented in an extra column in the Leader list to the right (3).

3 All your Leaders names and Jobs are always shown. The other columns show data selected by you using the lists (1+2) to the left. If you click on a portrait of a Leader a detailed popup will open. If you click on another part of the row the Leader will be selected and be shown in the bottom (5).

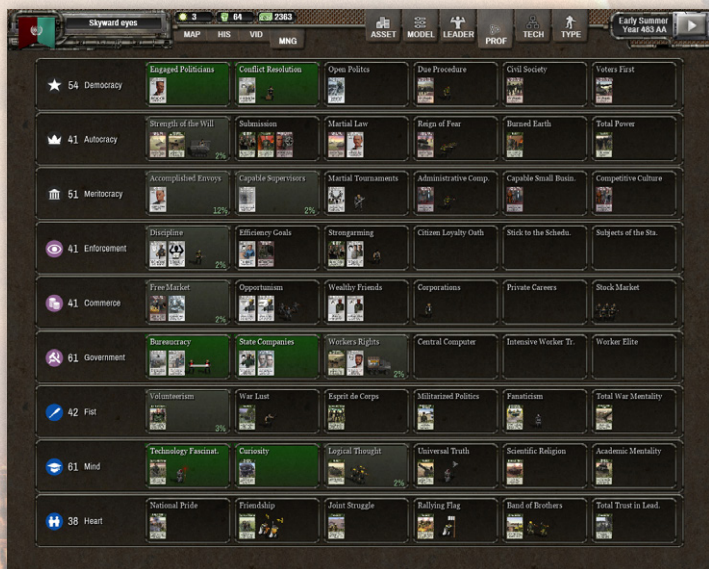
4 You can click on a column name in the top of the list to sort the list based on that column. When you click it and it colours green, it puts the Leaders with the highest values in that column in the top, when you click it again and it colours red it puts the Leaders with the lowest values in that column in the top.

5 When you have selected a Leader in the list (3) he or she will be shown here, and you'll be provided with a Call button and a button to play a Stratagem on the Leader.

3.10.4. YOUR REGIME PROFILE TAB

This tab allows you to inspect all your Regime Feats as well as the Regime Feats you could acquire.

For each Regime Feat the name is shown, the Stratagems that are unlocked with it are shown and the chance to gain or lose it is shown. Use mouse



over to get more detailed information on the advantages a certain Regime Feat brings.

A Regime Feat can be several colours:

- Dark gray meaning you do not have the Regime Feat and your Profile is not high enough to acquire it.
- Greyish green meaning you do not have it yet, but you could acquire it. The % shown in the bottom right is the chance you'll acquire the Regime Feat next start of turn.
- Deep green meaning you currently have this Regime Feat and are not about to lose it.
- Greyish red meaning you have the Regime Feat, but due to a low Profile score you could lose it. The % shown in the bottom right is the chance you might lose the Regime Feat at the start of the next turn.

3.10.5. THE TECH TAB

This tab allows you to inspect the Tech tree and at the same time see what you have already Discovered and Researched.

You'll notice several blocks connected by lines. Each block is a Tech Type Group. It can be displayed in the following colours:



- Dark gray meaning you do not yet have access to discovering Techs in this Tech Group
- Greyish green meaning you do have access to discovering Techs in this Tech Group
- Deep green meaning you not only have access to this Tech Group, but you have mastered it, giving you access to discovering Techs in all connected Tech Groups (you need to have researched three Techs in a group in order to master the Tech Group).

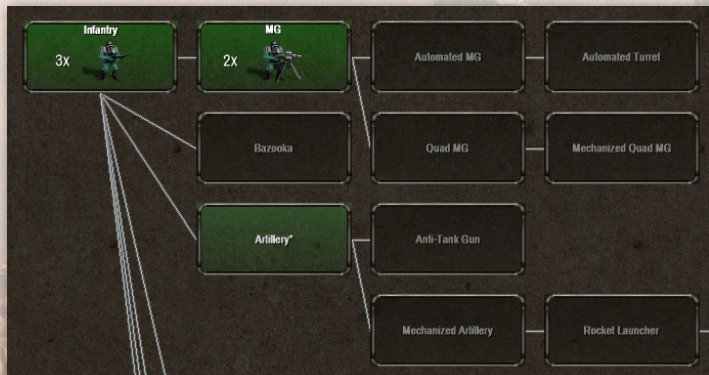
Within each Tech Group, the individual Techs are shown. Their background follows sort of the same colour scheme as above. If it has a dark gray background it means the Tech cannot be discovered yet. If it has a greyish green background, it means it has not been discovered yet. If it has a yellow background, it means it has been discovered but not yet (fully) researched. If it has a deep green background, it means it has been fully researched.

You can mouse over each Tech to get some more info.

Note also that for each Tech, the council is indicated for discovering and researching it. “Ec” stands for Economic Council. “Mi” stands for Military Research Council and “Ap” stand for Applied Sciences Council.

3.10.6. THE MODEL TYPE TAB

This tab allows you to inspect the Model Type tree and at the same time see what you have already Discovered and how many Models you designed of each Model Type.



Each Model Type appears in a block with a different background colour.

- Dark gray meaning you do not yet have access to discovering this Model Type yet.
- Greyish green without a Model graphic meaning you have not discovered the Model Type yet, but could do so.
- Deep green with a Model graphic meaning you not only have discovered the Model Type, you also have designed at least one Model of this Model Type.

The lines between the Model Type tell you the pre-requisites for discovering a Model Type. You can also find this information by using mouse over.

3.10.7. BLUE PRINTS TAB

In this tab you can create Blue Prints for any Model Type that has been discovered. The interface allows you to quickly change your design choices and see the probable end results.

The Blue Prints can be accessed by the Model Design Decision and instead of going through all the design pages you'll just be able to tell the Model Design Council Director to design a specific Blue Print.

Keep in mind the end results you see in the Blue Prints Tab are estimates and the actual Model you'll design using the Model Design Council might vary due to different dice rolls. Also the Blue Print Tab doesn't take Skill Rolls by the Council Director into account.

3.11. THE HISTORY SCREEN

This screen allows you to review all the moves that were observed (depends on recon) by you between the end of your previous turn and the start of your current turn. It provides some basic navigation tools in the form a list bar that shows you in which step of the history log you are and some buttons to play the steps automatically (Play) or stop that (Stop). You can also use Next Battle button to fast forward to the next battle and the Next Regime button to skip the moves of the Regime your current history step is at.

Note that this screen is also used if the Prefs option Show AI Moves is enabled and in between your turns. It allows you to watch history steps as they are being created.

When inspecting combat results in the History Window you can press the "Report" button to go to the Battle Report Window and obtain much more in-depth information about the battle in question.

3.12. THE VIDCOM SCREEN

This screen is shown (if any Vidcom messages are present) after you start your turn. You can go back to it later as well. It serves the simple purpose of showing you the most important events that occurred between your last end of turn and your current turn.

3.13. VARIOUS POPUPS

There are several buttons in the Interface that can open Popup Windows.

3.13.1. THE LEADER POPUP

This Popup allows you to inspect all the details on a Leader that are available. You can always get there by clicking on the portrait of one of your own Leaders.

1 ANGUS GREENHALL, DIRECTOR OF SUPREME COMMAND COUNCIL

STRAT CALL

2

3 Enforcement **

4 Steel Front MEMBER

5 PERSONALITY

Emotional: 46 Egoism: 41
Heroic: 50 Witty: 75
Ambition: 57 Corruption: 0
Authority: 56 Theft: None

6 STR 21 INT 37 WAR 42 CHA 25 WILL 33 CAP III

7 SKILL LVL STAT FEAT TOT

SKILL	LVL	STAT	FEAT	TOT
Administration*	16	Int	-	46
Investigation*	0	Int	-	0
Trade*	0	Int	-	0
Technician*	0	Int	-	0
Medical*	0	Int	-	0
Science*	0	Int	-	0
Prospecting*	0	Int	-	0
Scavenging*	0	Int	-	0
Agriculture*	0	Int	-	0
Inventor*	0	Int	-	0
Ecology*	0	Int	-	0
6th Sense*	39	Will	-	72
Endurance*	17	Str	-	35

8 FEATS

None

1 The name and current Job of the Leader. If the Leader has an Advisor attached or is advising another Leader that will also be shown here. Furthermore, there are buttons to the right to Call the Leader or to play a Stratagem on the Leader.

2 Some basic data on the Leader is given as age and sex. Relation level is shown as well and if you mouse over the Relation level you'll also get information on the Natural Relation Point and how that value has been calculated. The Seniority Rank varies between 0 and 100. 100 means it is the most senior Leader and 0 the least senior Leader. Suitability Rating gives you a quick idea how well suited the Leader is to his/her current Job. The three Ratings give you the highest Skill in the respective Skill Family. So, TR shows the highest Technical Skill Family Skill Level, CR shows the highest Command Skill Family Skill Level, IPR shows the highest Interpersonal Skill Family Skill Level. The background colour of the Ratings corresponds with the background colour of the Skills (7) below, as well as with the background colour of the Stat (6) that modifies that Skill Family.

3 Each Leader has its own agenda. Well, most have. They have likes and dislikes for some Profiles. Green colour and a "+" sign means the Leader likes a high value for the stated Regime Profile. Red colour and a "-" sign means the Leader would like to see a low value for the stated Regime Profile.

4 If the Leader is a member of any Faction it is shown here.

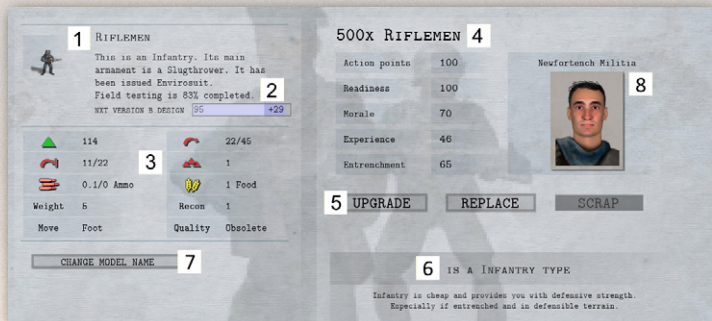
5 The personality of the Leader is shown here.

6 The Stats of the Leader are shown here. Keep in mind each Skill (6) is linked to a specific Stat and that (if Skill Level is 20 or higher) the whole value of the Stat can be added as a bonus to the Skill. The last value in this row is the Capability Level of the Leader, which influences the potential the Leader has.

7 The list of Skills. If there is a background colour it means the Skill belongs to a Skill Family. There are three Skill Families: the Technical Skill Family (green), the Command Skill Family (blue) and the Interpersonal Skill Family (yellow). There are several columns for each Skill. The "Lvl" column shows the raw Skill Level. Which will be modified positively by bonuses in the other columns, leading to the "Tot" column (short for total) that is the modified Skill Level used in the actual Skill Rolls. Use mouse over to get more information. A * character after the Skill name indicates that the Skill has been used recently.

8 A list of Leader Feats this Leader has. These will usually give a positive modifier on Stats or Skills but can be more varied than that. Use the mouse over to learn what exactly a Leader Feat does.

3.13.2. THE MODEL / TROOPS POPUP



This Popup allows you to inspect some basic details on Troops in your Units or on a specific Model.

It also allows you to perform certain operations on your Troops. Notably: Upgrade, Replace and Scrap.

You can get to this Popup by clicking on one of the graphics of your Troops in the Unit Tab or by clicking “more info” on a Model.

1 The name of the Model is shown together with a graphic and a quick description of the variants the Model has been equipped with.

2 Field Testing will start at 0% and the more combat the Troops of this Model will see the more it will go up. Its effect is an increase in the Basic Design Model Stat. This will not impact the combat value of the current Model, but it will impact the combat value of any new version of the Model you might design.

3 The basic combat and other stats of the Model. Hitpoints and Attack values are shown, as well as Ammunition consumption, Food consumption and many others.

4 If Troops of a Unit have been clicked they are shown here. Their Action Points (AP), Readiness, Morale, Experience and Entrenchment are shown. Keep in mind they may be different than the values shown for the Unit as a whole, which uses average values.

5 Here you can choose to perform Upgrade, Replace or Scrap operation on the Troops.

- 6 The Model Type the Model belongs to.
- 7 The option to rename the current Model with a name of your choice.

3.13.2.1. UPGRADE

Allows you to transform the current Model of the Troops into a better Model. Many Model Types cannot be upgraded, but Infantry for example can be.

3.13.2.2. REPLACE

Allows you to keep the experienced Troops in the line, but replace their equipment or vehicles with those of a newer Model. The old equipment will be sent back to the SHQ and manned with new Recruits.

3.13.2.3. SCRAP

The Troops will be returned as Population and part of the production costs will be recuperated by Zone.

3.13.3. THE ADVICE POPUP

This Popup will pop up in the early turns of your game if Advice has not been disabled in Prefs.



- 1 If advice is available (note the number between brackets in the button) and the Popup is not being shown currently, and Advice has not been disabled in Prefs, you can click here to open the Advice Popup.
- 2 If you want to temporarily hide the Advice Popup click here. If you want it back again, you'll be able to click on the "Advice" button in the top (1).
- 3 Pressing "Del" for "Delete" will remove this specific advice type for the remainder of the game.
- 4 Pressing "Dismiss" will remove this specific advice type for the current turn.

4. HOW TO PLAY

The Interface chapter basically already explains how to access all the functionality of the game. But it does not tell you how you should play. Or better: how the designer of the game would play, because you are of course free to play as you see fit.

4.1. BASIC MOVEMENT AND COMBAT 101

You'll always start the game with at least some Militia Units. Let's show you quickly how to move those Units around and how to attack some enemies.

4.1.1. MOVING A UNIT

A default game will start you in a setting similar to the screenshot below:



To move a Unit:

1 Ensure you are in the Move Order Mode. If not, press the “M” key or go to the Map Order Modes Tab on the right side of the screen and press the Move Order Mode button.

2 Left click on the Unit you want to move. After you do so, all the Hexes the Unit can move to will be highlighted in white.

3 Mouse over the Hex you want to move to. You'll see a movement arrow appear. Right click on the Hex to execute the move.

Note that the number of Action Points the move costs are shown in the bottom right of the map.

4 Keep in mind you can see the Action Points available for the Unit among its Statistics.

4.1.2. ATTACKING AN ENEMY UNIT

This can be done at the start of game with any unaligned forces. If however there are only Minor or Major Regimes around you, you will first have to declare war (see the next section).



To attack a Unit:

1 Ensure you are in the Move Order Mode. If not press the “M” key or go to the Map Order Modes Tab on the right side of the screen and press the Move Order Mode button.

2 Move any Unit next to the Unit you want to attack.

3 Now left click on one of the Units you want to attack with. After you do so, all the Hexes the Unit can move to will be highlighted, but Units that can be attacked will get a red arrow shown on top of them.

4 Now Right click on the Unit (with the red arrow on its Hex) you want to attack. When you do so the Combat Popup will appear.

UNITGROUP	ATTACKER	DEFENDER
Infantry	0	600
Tanks	80	0
Stack Points	6 / 50	6 / 100
Recon Points	104 / 400	24 / 400

In this popup window you can inspect your possible attack.

1 The Unit you initiated your possible attack with is already added to the list of attacking Units in the attacking forces box.

2 If you want, you can add other attacking Units by clicking on Units in the eligible Units box (you can remove Units from the attacking forces box by clicking on them as well).

3 The odds are an estimate of whether the combat will go in your favour. It shows attacker strength: defender strength... ideally the attacker strength will be higher than the defender strength. Like 2:1, 3:1 or even better 4:1 (keep in mind it is an estimate and lack of recon and oddities of battles might give different results than expected).

4 If you like the odds you go ahead and press the "Attack" button. This will actually launch the attack with all the Units in the eligible Units box.

5 If you do not like the odds or you have changed your mind just press "Cancel" and you'll go back to the map.

4.1.3. DECLARING WAR

Diplomatic events can cause you to be at war, but you can also actively choose to go to war yourself. To do so you do the same steps as you would attacking a Unit or moving into a Hex.

If the move you are doing is not allowed because you are not at war with the Regime owning the Unit or Hex you'll get a popup asking you if you want to declare war.

4.2. MILITARY CONQUEST 101

Though in theory it is possible to co-win the game by making an alliance with the winning player, in practice that is a very risky strategy and you better focus on military conquest to win the game.

4.2.1. INSPECTING YOUR INITIAL FORCES

A default game starts drops you in the game with only some Militia forces under your command.



Above we see a typical game start state.

- 1 The Units initially at your command are 4 Militia battalions and 1 Militia regiment (note it has more Troops) as well as your Strategic HQ (SHQ).
- 2 When selecting a Unit, you can see if it contains Regular Troops (REG) or Militia Troops (MIL).
- 3 As long as your Militia Units stay in HQ Power Range they'll be able to receive positive effects from Operational HQ Skill Rolls. Note that SHQ Skill Rolls always apply irrespective of range between Unit and HQ.
- 4 Note a non-aligned Unit close to our City.

4.2.2. CREATE SOME SAFE SPACE AROUND YOUR CITY

Having enemy Units (like non-aligned Units) close to your City will give your initial Zone so-called Danger Points. Claiming about 2 Hexes around your City should remove any such effect.



Your Militia forces are weak. Best used for defence. So, when you use them in an offensive role try to mass them. Also, for an optimal chance of success, try to attack with Units that have full Action Points.

Each Combat Round costs 10 Action Points, so the more Combat Rounds the fight can continue the more chance you'll take the Hex. Furthermore, during the initial two Combat Rounds the defender has an extra advantage (as your Troops are closing the distance), so that is another reason to avoid short indecisive battles.

The screenshot shows a game interface with a map at the top and a combat summary table at the bottom. The map displays a hexagonal grid with various units and locations. A red arrow points to a unit on the map. Below the map is a progress bar labeled "STEP 1 OF 3" and buttons for "PLAY" and "NEXT BATT".

ATTACK

ATTACKER: NON-ALIGNED FORCES			DEFENDER: HIGHSHIRE		
TYPE	START	LOSS	TYPE	START	LOSS
Rifle Militia	2400	100	Irregular Artillery	10	0
			Militia Baker	100	0
			Rifle Militia	100	0
			MG Militia	100	0
			Irregular Truck	30	0

During the AI turns the non-aligned forces launched their own attack against one of the Militia Battalions. As you can see our recon was faulty, their Unit did not contain 700 Troops, but 2400 Troops instead! Always keep this FOW effect in mind (unless you have really a lot of Recon Points on the Hex).

After you order an attack, the Combat Selection Popup will appear. Giving you a wealth of information on the modifiers as well as an estimate of the odds. These odds are an estimate that you should take with a grain of salt.

Regular Attack

Switch Cancel

Combat Totals

UNITGROUP	ATTACKER	DEFENDER
Infantry	3000	3400
Guns	20	0
Stack Points	34 / 150	34 / 100
Recon Points	54 / 400	25 / 400

Estimation of offensive mods

+40% +13% -5% +20%

2 +23% +23% Σ +149%

400 1013

Attacking Forces

1

Estimation of defensive mods

-37% -28% +30% +30%

-4% Σ 28% 680 500

Enemy Forces

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ODDS 2 : 1 3

ATTACK

Click to start the attack [Space]

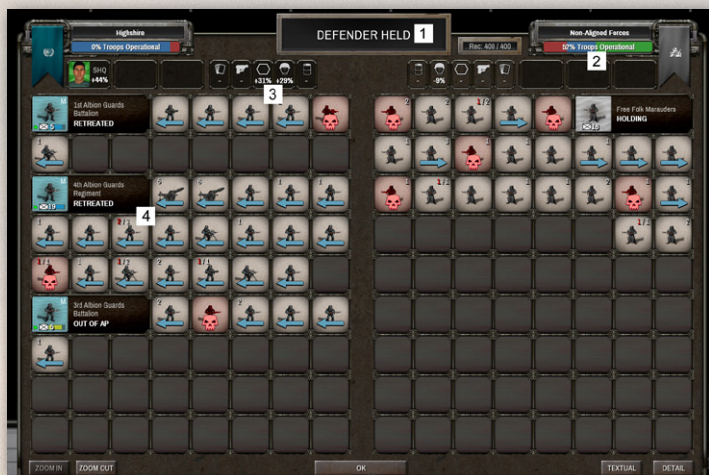
However, if the color turns bright green you'll be sure you'll win and if turns bright red you'll be sure you'll lose.

1 Note all Militia forces are ordered to join the attack, trying to mass as much Troops as possible. The Motorized Militia Unit (truck symbol on counter) sadly does not have the Action Points to enter a sand Hex (trucks don't drive well in loose sand).

2 Whenever possible try to attack from as many angles as possible. By attacking from three sides in this example the Militia has secured a +40% bonus. That might just make the difference.

3 At 2.2 : 1 odds this is going to be a very "iffy" battle. Could work however.

4 Also note that due to our lousy Recon we are probably overestimating the size of the enemy Unit (which in the history report was at 2400 Troops).



The battle was almost won...















1 The defender held. The Hex has not been taken.

2 Note that it was a close call though. The defender would probably have retreated if its operational Troops had dropped below 50%.

3 Our Troops got some good modifiers from the SHQ Commander, Concentric Attack and Experience.

4 Note this particular heroic Subunit that scored 5 hits on the enemy (of which 2 kills).

4.2.3. RAISE SOME REGULAR TROOPS

 RIFLE MILITIA 1		 SOLDIERS-AT-ARMS 2	
Mixed infantry, with a variety of improvised and low tech weaponry. Equipped with improvised environmental suits.		This is an Infantry. Its main armament is a Sloughthrower. It has been issued Envirosuit. Field testing is 0% completed.	
 60	 10/20	 88	 18/37
 5/10	 1	 9/18	 1
 0.2/0.1 Ammo	 1 Food	 0.1/0 Ammo	 1 Food
Weight 5	Recon 1	Weight 5	Recon 1
Move Foot	Quality None	Move Foot	Quality None

I think the above section illustrates the limited value of Militia Troops in an offensive role.

- 1 To the left we see the statistics of Militia Infantry.
- 2 To the right we see the statistics of the Regular Infantry Troops.
- 3 Note that Regular Infantry has almost 50% more hit points.
- 4 Note that Regular Infantry has almost double the attack values.

For this reason, it is a good idea to Raise some Regular Troops Units. They'll perform about 2.5 times better than their Militia brothers (However, keep in mind they'll be recruited at 0 Experience Points).

RAISE FORMATION

New Formation New SQU Missing Unit Missing HQ

SIZE Battalion Regiment Division **MULTI UNIT** With HQs Independent

QUALITY Low Average High Elite Use SQU troops

COUNTERS	NAME	%	TROOPS	ITEM COST
	Independent Infantry Battalion	100%	1000x Infantry	1000 30
	Independent Motorized Infantry Battalion	100%	1000x Infantry, 100x Motorized	2000 110
	Independent MG Battalion	100%	500x Machingegun	500 20
	Independent Motorized MG Battalion	100%	500x Machingegun, 50x Motorized	1500 60
	Independent Recon Battalion	100%	50x Buggy	500 75

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Using the “Raise Formation” order we can raise some new Units. We do not have enough Recruits at the moment to recruit a multi-unit Brigade under its own HQ so an Infantry and a Buggy (car with MG) Battalion are raised. Note you can increase the recruitment of Recruits by calling the Governor of a Zone to tell him/her to recruit more.

These buggies are an excellent complement to the existing Militia since they have good attack values.

Eligible Forces

Estimation of offensive mods

+4% -40% +40% +17% +9%
+21% +22% -1% +25%
+25% -130% +952 +226

Attacking Forces

Regular Attack

Switch Cancel

ODDS 5 : 1

ATTACK

Combat Totals

UNITGROUP	ATTACKER	DEFENDER
Infantry	4500	3400
Guns	40	0
Motorized	60	0
Tanks	50	0
Stack Points	58 / 150	34 / 100
Recon Points	100 / 400	42 / 400

Estimation of defensive mods

+50% +37% +45% +45%
-1% +34% -860 -433

Enemy Forces

Above is an attack that is sure to succeed. Note the newly recruited Regular Units augment the Militia forces enough to have enough punch to brush aside those pesky Free Folk Marauders.

4.2.4. IMPROVE MORALE OF REGULAR TROOPS

PREFS
STATS
OOB
S.MAP
STRAT
DEC.
REP.
MINI

NAT DECISIONS

ORG DECISIONS

Set National Budget

Set Salaries

SUBJECT: **SET SALARIES FOR YOUR LEADERS**

REAL TIME!

FROM: Sofia Taurus
Secretary

CALL

Sir,

Please confirm and or fine-tune the salaries we pay for different positions.

<p>Current Advisor salary = 4 Cr. New salary = 4 Cr per round</p> <p>← 5 →</p>	<p>Current SHQ Commander salary = 3 Cr. New salary = 3 Cr per round</p> <p>← 5 →</p>
<p>Current Council Director salary = 3 Cr. New salary = 3 Cr per round</p> <p>← 5 →</p>	<p>Current SHQ Commander salary = 2 Cr. New salary = 2 Cr per round</p> <p>← 5 →</p>
<p>Current Zone Governor salary = 2 Cr. New salary = 2 Cr per round</p> <p>← 5 →</p>	<p>Current Reserve Pool salary = 1 Cr. New salary = 1 Cr per round</p> <p>← 5 →</p>
<p>Current Soldier' salary = 0 Cr. New salary = 0 + 0.001 Cr per round</p> <p>← 5 →</p>	

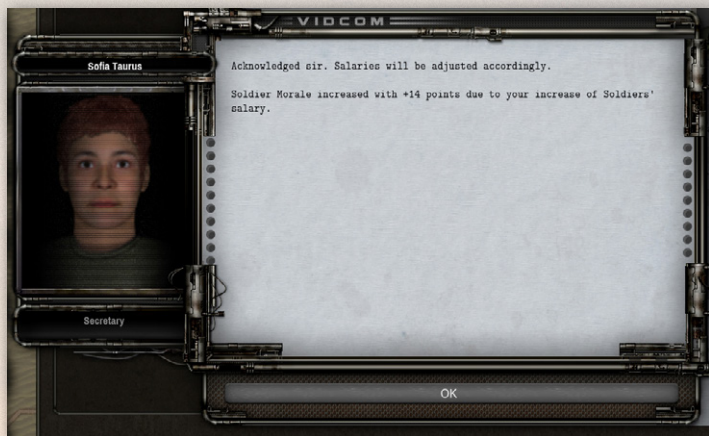
Confirm your changes to the salaries below.

Cordial greetings,

Sofia Taurus

While waiting to make our Zone produce some more Recruits, let's try to improve the Morale of our Regular Troops. You can do this by calling your Secretary and asking him/her to prepare a Decision on salaries.

On default mode, your Regular Troops get their rations and the rest is payment in gratitude and the honor to serve the nation.



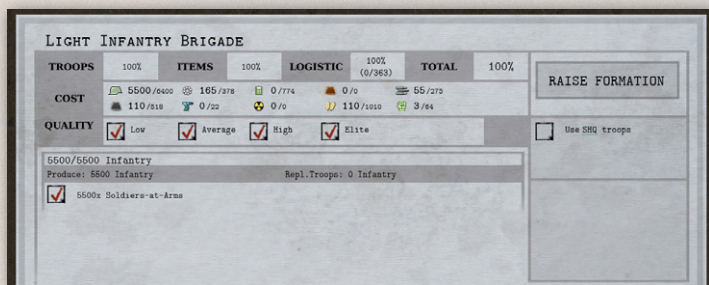
If you give them several micro-Credits per round, that will improve their Morale. Higher Morale will keep them in the fight longer and be less prone to panicking, especially with certain Postures this will be important.

4.2.5. RAISE A MULTI-UNIT FORMATION

Once you have enough Resources (Items) and Recruits you will do well to recruit a multi-unit Formation with its own Operational HQ (OHQ).

You'll be able to assign a Commander to an OHQ and his/her Skill Rolls will add to your combat bonuses. Furthermore, you can play Posture Stratagems on your OHQs. These also can give combat bonuses. The combined effect of OHQ Commanders and Postures is such that you should try (in the future) to have the majority of your forces under OHQ command.

There is not much choice at the start. So an Infantry Brigade is an economic choice.



Note that to get more Formation Types to choose from you'll have to discover and develop more Models (like Light Tank, Artillery, etc..) using the Model Council and also operationalize new Formation Types using the Staff Council.

4.2.6. ASSIGN A COMMANDER



- 1 Here we see our newly raised 1st Light Infantry Brigade.
- 2 When just raised there is not yet a Commander assigned.
- 3 The round after you raised the Unit a selection committee will have prepared a Commander selection list for you to choose a Commander from.

4 Note that sometimes the most suitable candidate is not presented to you for political reasons of the selection committee. You can dismiss candidates at a small Political Point cost.

Keep in mind that if you want to change a Commander you'll have to call and dismiss him/her.

4.2.7. PLAY A POSTURE STRATAGEM



HOLD THE LINE

Infantry forces get +30% on defense and 60% on attack. Retreat at 80% losses.

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TARGET OHQ
1st Light Infantry Brigade

EXECUTED BY



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Pax Mitchfort
Staff Council

DIFFICULTY
No Tests

EXECUTE STRATAGEM

In the Stratagem Tab under the “HQs” category you’ll usually have some Posture Stratagems available that can be played on OHQs.

To generate more Posture Stratagems, you had better get a Staff Council operational and give a lot of budget to their Posture Task.

In the Stratagem Tab, you pick the Posture Stratagem you want to play and select the OHQ to receive it.

Here we are assigning a Posture that is going to give a big boon on defensive operations. +50%. However, the flipside is it will be hard to use Units with this Posture in offensive operations.

Our 1st Infantry Brigade is ready to hold the front! Commander and Posture present.



Game interface showing a grid of icons and a detailed view of a unit and posture.

Grid icons: UNF, Reg Mix, 65, 63, 53, 4, 0, 100, 100

Unit View:

Aaron Toniway
Commander of 1st Light Infantry Brigade
Suitability: 12

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Call To SHQ Strat

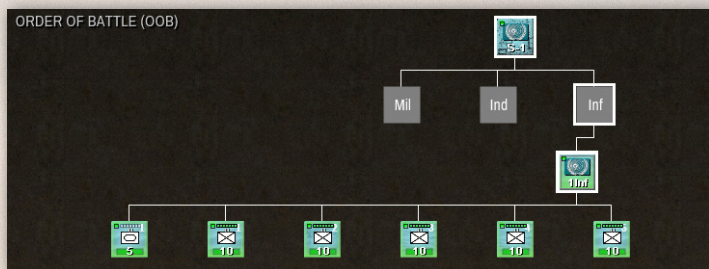
POSTURE:
Hold the Line



4.2.8. ASSIGNING AUXILIARY UNITS TO AN OHQ

Independent Regular Units start under an SHQ, but each OHQ has a limited number of slots (usually 2) to take command of auxiliary Independent Regular Units.

To do this select the Independent Unit and click the Unit Admin Order to assign it to an OHQ of choice.



Our 1st Infantry Brigade can also be inspected in the OOB Tab, like above, and here we see it and its 5 battalions, but with an added Auxiliary Unit. This Auxiliary Unit will now also benefit from the Commander and Posture bonuses.

4.2.9. KEEP AN EYE ON AMMO, FUEL AND FOOD

1st SHQ	
898	2
2347*	=
115	18
220	=
479	71
175	82
910	90

Every round your Troops consume Food. And when they move or fight they can use Fuel. During battle (especially offensive action) they'll use Ammo.

Keep an eye on your SHQ Item stocks:

You can produce Items using your Assets or buy Items from the Traders.

Also, some Items (like Ammo and Machinery) can be produced by using the Workshop Order.

4.2.10. KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR LOGISTICAL NETWORK

By using the Logistics Layer Buttons in the Layers Tab to the right of the screen, you can inspect your Logistical Network as it formed at start of your turn.



1 Above we see the Logistical Points that have been generated in your Logistical Network. Note they stop well short of the Advanced motorized Militia Units to the South-East.



Here we see the actual Logistical Points that have been used to supply our Units (and possibly Zones).

1 This is the last Hex that has Logistical Points on it. This is the point where the Units will need to pick up the supplies they need.

2 The dotted lines show Operational Logistics of the Units. At this point a Unit would have been able to use its own Operational Logistics to pick up all the supplies it might need at point 1.

3 The actual location of the Units however is too far away from pickup point 1 and hence it is receiving less than it is requesting.



Note that this Militia Unit only received 2 of the 4 Fuel and 5 of the 9 Food that it requested.

There are two solutions here... For the present it would be wise to move back the Units to point 2 so that they will be fully supplied again. But after that it would be wise to extend the Logistical Network to facilitate further conquest.

4.2.11. EXTENDING YOUR LOGISTICAL NETWORK

This you can do by constructing either (1) new Logistical Point Sources like Truck or Train Stations or by (2) extending the range of existing Logistical Point Sources by constructing Supply Bases.

To construct a new Logistical Point Source, use the Construct Asset Order. Probably preferably on the City Hex of the Zone.

To construct a Supply Base, pick a Hex that is still receiving a good number of Logistical Points (they go down quickly after they go beyond the AP Range of their source).

As you can see Supply Bases are cheap and quick to construct. They do not actually add any Logistical Points to your Network, but they extend the range of the existing points entering the Hex with the Supply Base.



After the Supply Base has become operational and its effect applied to the Logistical Network we see we have extended our range.



1 The Logistical Points that enter the Hex with the Supply Base are receiving +50 AP extra range.

2 This allows plenty of points to arrive 5 Hexes further. After which they decline quickly again.

The advance Units now are in full supply again.

4.3. BUILDING AN ECONOMY 101

In the previous 101 we discussed Military Conquest, which is without doubt a very important activity.

However, to supply them, to produce Replacement Troops or to raise new Formations you'll need Industrial Points and Resources. Here the economy part comes in.

4.3.1. ASSETS

At game start with the default options you'll have a tiny but usually functional economy.



Here in the bottom you see the Assets present in your initial Zone. There are different kinds of Assets you can have.

1 Public Assets. These are the ones you can construct yourself using the Construct Order. They require you to pay and feed Workers. You have full control over them.

2 Private Assets. These have been constructed by the Population of your Zone and are not in your control. The Private Economy makes its own decisions on what to construct. However, almost all Private Assets send a part of their production to you as a Tax.

3 Free Folk settlements. The Free Folk are people who live in the territories you have claimed but who remain independent and have not yet joined your Population. If your economy is running well and your Population is happy they will join you in large numbers. Especially in the early game, they are a key source of Population increase.

4 Hex Feats. These are special artefacts or sites that provide a simple and fixed bonus to a site.

Except for Free Folk settlements, all Assets can require input and will provide output.

5 Input is the Resources and/or work force that the Asset has consumed to produce or perform its task.

6 Output is what an Asset has actually produced.

4.3.2. GAME START

In the game start example used in the screenshot below, we are receiving 132 Food from the Private Farm which is enough to feed our initial Workers. 100 Workers require 1 Food. We have plenty of Energy arriving from our Hex Feat, a damaged but still functional Galactic Republic Generator.



PROD	IN	CONS	OUT	STOCK	PROD	IN	CONS	OUT	STOCK
🍌 +132	0	15	🍌 112	🍌 30	⚙️ +83	0	0	⚙️ 83	0
🌿 +24	0	0	🌿 24	0					
⚡ +100	0	-10	⚡ 90	⚡ 10	⚙️ +63	0	0	⚙️ 63	0



In the Items Tab of the Zone we can see this as well. The Zone is only producing Surpluses. Or in other words: consumption is lower than production. Most of the surplus (if some Zone reserves are not merited) will be sent to your SHQ.

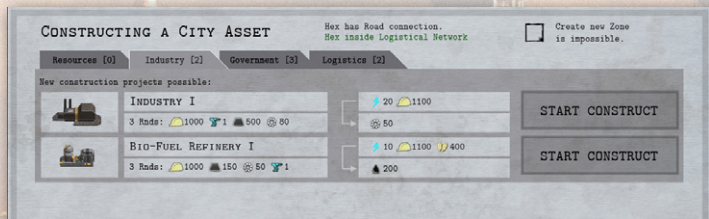
We can see these items have arrived in our SHQ above. The Items in our SHQ can be used to produce Replacement Troops and to raise new Formations. The SHQ can also sell the

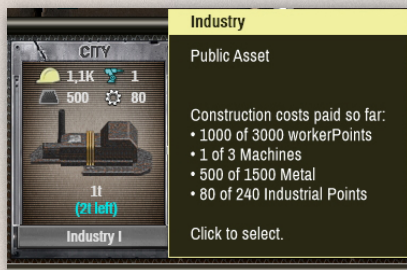
Items to the Traders (or buy from them of course).

4.3.3. CONSTRUCTING ASSETS

After playing some turns and maybe raising some Troops, you might realize you need more Items like Industrial Points or Food.

There is (even at low tech level) plenty of choice of Assets you can build. In the example below, I selected the Construct Order and am going to choose to start construction of an Industry Asset.





In the Construction Popup the construction Costs are shown as well as the Input and Output of the Asset when it is completed.

It will take several turns to complete the construction of the Industry Asset. Note that it requires lots of Metals.

4.3.4. DIFFERENT PUBLIC ASSET TYPES

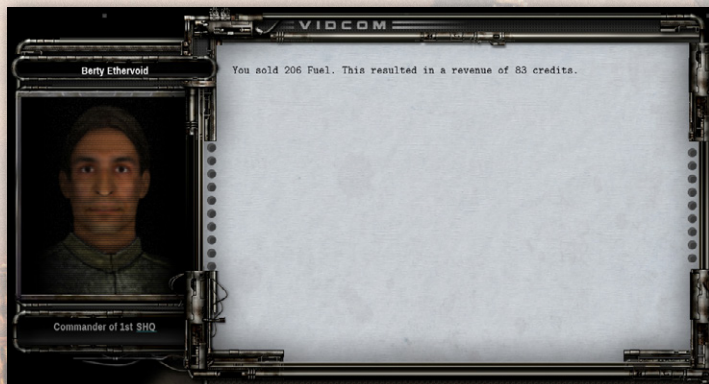
Click on an Asset (in bottom or in popup) to get more information on it.

Notably, there are Asset Types that can be built only in your City Hex (like Industry or Bureaucratic Offices) and Assets that can be built anywhere.

Mines can only be built on top of Hexes with their corresponding Deposits. Volcanic Taps only on volcano Hexes. And Wind Traps work best in mountain Hexes, their production is halved when in lower lands.

4.3.5. TRADING

In this game example, I am only producing about a 100 Metals a turn, while completing the Industry Asset requires 1,500 Metals. I could have constructed some more Scavenging Assets first, or maybe a Metal Mine (if I had found deposits), but here Trading can come in handy as well.



Using the Trade Order, a SHQ can sell excess Items to the Traders and use the proceeds to buy the Metals that we need.

Keep in mind that prices go up with an excess of demand and go down with an excess of supply. The Traders of your Zones also trade with Zones owned by other Regimes and there is a real planetary economy running.

4.3.6. WORKSHOPS

In case you can't find Machinery with the Traders, you can use your workshops to produce them. Eventually you will have to construct Heavy Industries to fabricate machines in a more efficient fashion.

The Workshops can also be used to make Ammunition, which you'll only need once you get in a shooting war. Especially offensive combat consumes a lot of Ammunition.

4.3.7. CREDITS

To pay more Workers (once you have more Assets) or to buy from the Traders what you need, you'll need Credits. A key source of obtaining these is from Taxing your Zones.

POPULATION	
Private Jobs	50,700
Private Funds	392cr ▲ 371
Private Food	725 ▲ 20
Income	0,003cr
Private Eco.	+592cr -221cr

Income minus Expenses	
INCOME	
Private Asset Income:	324 Cr.
Hidden Economy Income:	25 Cr.
Salaries spending Income:	47 Cr.
Selling Items Income:	196 Cr.
EXPENSES	
Buying Food Expenses:	0 Cr.
Buying Luxuries Expenses:	0 Cr.
Buying Assets Expenses:	0 Cr.
Buying Free Folk Expenses:	0 Cr.
Service Tax:	70 Cr.
Income Tax:	151 Cr.

You receive Service Tax and Income Tax from your Population. Other taxes in the game are Sales Tax, that will be paid by the Traders and Tariffs, that will also be paid by Traders if they engage in Imports/Exports.

However, keep in mind that the more you Tax your Zones the more you'll stifle the development of the Private Economy.

4.3.8. PRIVATE ECONOMY

There is some detailed modelling going on of the Private Economy and your Population will save Credits and Food (for emergencies) as well as invest their saved Credits in new Private Assets. Furthermore, they'll spend Credits on fabrication and consumption of luxury goods. They'll even be able to Mothball or close Assets when there is not enough Population to man all Assets. What you need to know for now is that this is all mostly beyond your control.

The only ways you can impact the Private Economy is by taxation, providing Emergency Food and investing Credits in the Private Economy (through calling your Governor and giving Zone Orders), though plenty of Stratagems and Decisions can also have an impact.

The Private Economy is a great source of Quality of Life (QOL) for the Zone because the moment the Population is in the safe zone concerning Food production, the Population will start focussing a lot on Health, Education, Entertainment and Security Assets. They want to have a nice life.



Here above is an example of some typical early Private Assets. Note the Arena and the Museum which provide Quality of Life points that will eventually raise the Civilisation level of your Zone and as a consequence determine your Regime's Civilisation Level.

You can usually only build one Asset per Hex of a certain type. If there is already a Private Asset in place in your Hex, which is blocking you from constructing a Public Asset, you have the option to nationalize it. This costs



some Credits and might very well cause some unhappiness but will gain you the corresponding Public Asset.

Here the Private Scavenging Asset is nationalized (costing 500 Credits) into the Public Recycling Asset.

4.3.9. ASSET LEVELS

Almost all Assets can be upgraded.

HIGH COMMAND BUNKER

Public - Level I - Only in city - Level limit by Admin Level



High Command Bunker Level I
Construction Cost: 2 rounds x [100 Met, 50 IP, 5 workerPoints]
Upkeep Costs: 100 Workers
Production Costs: 10 Enrg, 500 Workers
Produces: 25 politicalBonusPoints, 10 bp



High Command HQ Level II
Construction Cost: 4 rounds x [100 Met, 50 IP, 11 workerPoints]
Upkeep Costs: 100 Workers
Production Costs: 40 Enrg, 1600 Workers
Produces: 100 politicalBonusPoints, 40 bp



[Click to view this level](#) High Command Palace Level III
Construction Cost: 6 rounds x [100 Met, 50 IP, 16 workerPoints]
Upkeep Costs: 100 Workers
Production Costs: 96 Enrg, 3200 Workers
Produces: 400 politicalBonusPoints, 90 bp



Minor High Command Palace Level IV
Construction Cost: 8 rounds x [100 Met, 50 IP, 21 workerPoints]
Upkeep Costs: 100 Workers
Production Costs: 185 Enrg, 5300 Workers
Produces: 900 politicalBonusPoints, 160 bp



Major High Command Palace Level V
Construction Cost: 10 rounds x [100 Met, 50 IP, 25 workerPoints]
Upkeep Costs: 100 Workers
Production Costs: 310 Enrg, 7700 Workers
Produces: 1600 politicalBonusPoints, 250 bp

But keep in mind that the highest Asset Level available for upgrade is the same level as the Level of the City. So small villages can only construct Assets up to Level 1 for example, whereas huge cities can go all the way up to Level 7.

Logistical and Bunker Assets are the exception to this rule. They can upgrade to Asset Level twice as high as the City Level. Logistical Assets include Airbases, Truck Stations, Train Stations, Ports and Supply Bases.

Also note that there is a second limiting rule and each Asset Type is limited either by your Regime's Tech, Admin or Civilisation Level. For example, Bureaucrat Offices Level is limited by your Civilisation Level and Industry Level is limited by your Tech Level.

ZONE: 'YORK', CITY LEVEL III

Populace	84.300 ▲ 3400
Next Level	100.000
Free Folk	29.200 ▼ 200
Zone Recon	999
Spies	0


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Willy
Tonilove
Governor
Suitability: 0

4.3.10. GOVERNORS

Keep an eye on your Relation with your Governor.

If the Relation is above 50 you get a sizable production bonus, while it being below 50 gives a penalty. Consider paying Governors well (you can set salaries by calling your secretary).

Apart from your Relation with a Leader, also consider which guy to pick for Governor as his Skill set can impact production positively as well as help a lot with some troubles that can occur in Zones.

Take care with events... as a lot of bad stuff can happen if Unrest is high or Happiness is low. Strikes and protests can impact production. A strong army presence in the City of the Zone or an able Governor with good Interpersonal Skills can help a lot to mitigate negative effects.

4.3.11. PRODUCTION MODIFIERS

Keep an eye on production Modifiers. Already mentioned are Governor Skill and Governor Relation, but there are some notable others.

In case of Mining, the ease of mining of a deposit plays an important role. Some Deposits are not easy to extract because for example they are deep or in difficult geological layers.

This is also the case in respect of Open Farming. Here the temperature and rainfall of the season will play a role, as well as Planetary conditions such as Atmospheric compatibility and possible Biohazards.

Last example: Wind Traps for example perform better if there is more moisture in the air on your Planet.

Be sure to always read the description of an Asset Type before constructing it to avoid disappointment.

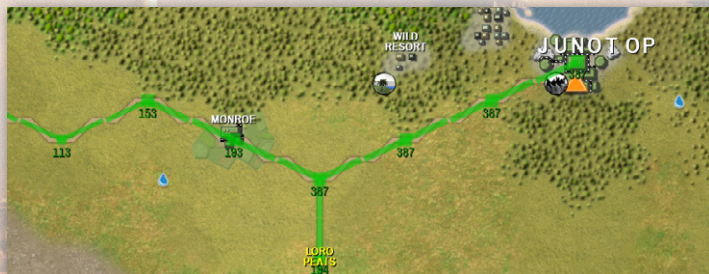
4.3.12. MINING

There are a number of resources that have to be mined to obtain them. These are: Metals, Rare Metals and Radioactives. On waterless Planets, mining Water deposits is also a good idea.

It is important to know that you can only construct a Mine on top of a Deposit. And you need to find these Deposits first. This requires you to either add an Economic Council (with the Prospecting Task) to your administration or to appoint a Governor that has the Prospecting Skill.

The “Extend Mine” Stratagem produced by the Economic Council can increase the reserves of one of your Mines. This Stratagem will allow you to choose the Mine to extend (must have mining ease level 2+). Effect is that more reserves will become available by digging into lesser peripheral deposits as well. The cost however is a drop in the ease of mining. The Prospecting Skill of economic Director and the Governor are used to determine the exact effect of the Stratagem, as well as the Prospecting Optimization Tech.

4.3.13. LOGISTICS



There is a separate chapter in this manual on Logistics. Especially once you have multiple Zones, you will need to pay attention to the Logistics as one Zone might produce surpluses for the shortages of another Zone. But for your single Zone you'll just need to keep track of one thing concerning your Assets. For a Public Asset to have unimpaired production or construction progress it needs to be on a Hex that has at least 100 Logistical Points for each Asset Level at the start of the turn on its trajectory to its City. For Private Assets its only 50 Logistical Points per Asset Level.

Above we see the Logistical Points at the start of turn. And we can see that the road from the Farm Level 1 in Monroe to its City (Junotop) has always at least 193 Logistical Points. Its production is at 100%.

4.3.14. WORKERS

You need enough Workers in your Zone to fill all the positions at your Public Assets. The default mode of Worker recruitment is to recruit if there

SUBJECT: **ORDERS FOR GOVERNOR OF JUNOTOP**

FROM: Vena, Tomlord, Governor of Junotop

CALL

Sir,

What are your orders for Junotop?

Public Budget - 0 Credits

Worker salary = 5 * 0.001 Cr

Recruits sign-up bonus = 15 * 0.001 Cr

Colonists sign-up bonus = 0 * 0.001 Cr

WORKER RECRUITMENT MODE

- Recruit if shortage, Fire if surplus
- Recruit if shortage, never fire
- Recruit up to fixed amount, Fire if above
- Recruit up to fixed amount, Never fire

EMERGENCY FOOD ALLOWED

- Disallow Emergency Food
- Allow Emergency Food

ZONE OCCUPIED/INCORPORATED

- Unincorporated Zone
- Regular Zone

OTHER ORDERS

- Forbid Pop to buy Free Folk

CHANGE ZONE NAME

is shortage and fire if there is a surplus. However, you can fine tune your Zone Worker policy by calling your Governor and giving him Zone Orders. You can also improve the Workers' salaries which will help a lot in improving their Happiness, as well as with their recruitment.

You should keep a special eye on what you are paying your Workers compared to the average revenue made by your Population in the Private Economy. A lower pay might tempt Workers to quit and seek their fortune working in a Private Asset.

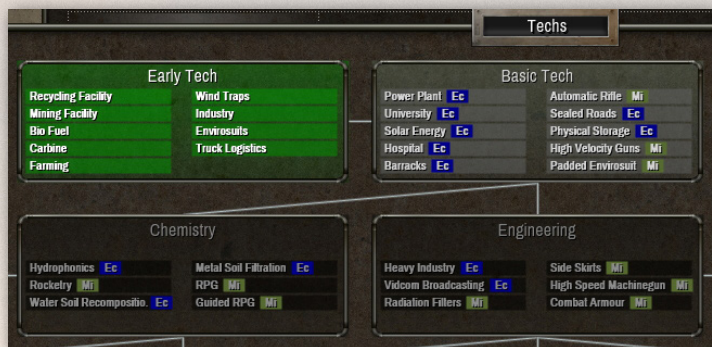
4.3.15. TECHS

Many Assets can be unlocked or benefit from increased production by adding an Economy Council to your administration.



If you have the Bureaucratic Points (BP) to spare you can discover and research many more civilian Techs (compared to the Military Research Council) here.

Note in the Tech tree that early Assets you can unlock are: Power Plant, University, Solar Panels, Hospital, Barracks and a whole family of Storage Assets. The “Ec” in the screenshot above notifies you need the Economic Council to discover and research the Tech and the “Mi” notifies you need the Military Research Council.



4.4. LEADERS AND FACTIONS 101

You are the supreme ruler. Picture yourself as an armchair general behind a desk. Or a man in shadows on a fancy chair with a cat on his shoulder.

You rule by giving orders to your Leaders. Some are unseen (like the leader of a non-HQ Unit) but the important ones have a name, a portrait, statistics and a personality. And most importantly a Relation score.

The key jobs you'll give your Leaders are Director (for Councils), Governor (for Zones) and Commander (for HQs).







No matter what job one of your Leaders is doing, he will do his/her job better if your Relation with him/her is good.

4.4.1. LEADERS

When you start a new game, it is a good idea to inspect what the roll of the dice gave you. Take a look at your Leaders and Factions to orient yourself on your human resources.

In the Personnel Overview report, we get a quick overview of the Leaders we start out with.

First thing to note here is the Capacity Level (CAP) which gives a quick indicator how able a Leader is (or can become). But after that you should look at their Ratings. They have 3 ratings: Technical Rating (TR), Command Rating (CR) and Interpersonal Rating (IPR).

POR	NAME	JOB	REL	CAP	SUIT	LOY.	SEN.	TR.	CR.	IPR.	FAC
	Marlow Davis	Commander of 1st SHQ	75	IV	50	64	90	-	63	-	DP
	Aries Bulkhead	Advisor	83	III	36	65	50	-	-	68	DP
	Simon Alifort	Secretary	67	I	3	60	37	-	-	-	-
	Acadia Cryomate	Reserve Pool member	60	I	-	57	23	-	-	-	MSF
	Ian Copernicus	Director of Supreme Command Council	82	II	12	73	63	34	-	3	MSF
	Bella Clarke	Governor of Epsilon	70	II	32	69	77	36	-	40	-

It is a good idea to determine if they are assigned to Jobs that suit them well. You'll start with a Zone Governor, a Council Director and a SHQ Commander. Your Zone Governor ideally has good TR and IPR.

Your Council Director should have just a high TR as he has no reason to put his feet in the mud (and your Populace). Your Commanders should have a good CR, especially your SHQ Commanders.

If I check my list all seems fine. Marlow Davis at SHQ has a CR of 62. Bella Clarke, Governor of Epsilon has a TR of 36 and an IPR of 48. Finally, Ian Copernicus, Director of the Supreme Command Council, which takes care of almost everything at start, has a reasonable TR with 34.

Ideally you assign the most suitable Leader to each job. However, keep in mind that firing Leaders to make place for an appointment procedure the next turn can cause problems. Especially if the Leader you are firing has a high Seniority Rank.

4.4.2. ADVISORS

However, I have noted that our Advisor Aries Bulkhead just has a really high IPR.

And if we look closer at him it is because he has an excellent Diplomacy Skill.

You have a limited number of Advisor positions, initially just one. The thing you can do with an Advisor is to attach him/her to another Leader. An attached Advisor will make the same Skill Rolls as the Leader attached to, but if the Advisor's roll is higher it will be used instead of the lower roll of the Leader he is advising.

DEMOGRAPHICS		PROFILE			
	65 year old male		Fist	+	
	Relation: 83		Militia	++	
	Loyalty: 65				
	Seniority Rank: #50				
	Suitability Rating: 36				
	Technical Rating: 0				
	Command Rating: 0				
	Interporc. Rating: 68				
STR	INT	WAR	CHA	WILL	CAP
32	38	43	24	35	III
SKILL	LVL	STAT	FEAT	TOT	
Administration	0	In+0	-	0	
Investigation	0	In+0	-	0	
Trade	0	In+0	-	0	
Technician	0	In+0	-	0	
Medical	0	In+0	-	0	
Science	0	In+0	-	0	
Prospecting	0	In+0	-	0	
Scavenging	0	In+0	-	0	
Agriculture	0	In+0	-	0	
Inventor	0	In+0	-	0	
Ecology	0	In+0	-	0	
Improvisation	14	Wi+24	-	38	
Survival	13	St+21	-	34	
SKILL	LVL	STAT	FEAT	TOT	
High Command	0	Wa+0	-	0	
Operational Command	0	Wa+0	-	0	
Covert.Ops	0	Wa+0	-	0	
Bribery	0	Ch+24+22	-	46	
Diplomacy	44	Ch+24+0	-	68	
Leadership	0	Ch+24+22	-	46	
Streetwise	0	Ch+24+22	-	46	
Oratory	0	Ch+24+22	-	46	
Intimidate	0	Ch+24+22	-	46	
Interrogation	0	Ch+24+22	-	46	
Endurance	37	St+32	-	69	
6th Sense	26	Wi+35	-	61	

This makes it almost a no-brainer to assign him to advise our Director of the Supreme Command Council since it he who'll be in charge of playing any diplomatic Stratagems.

Sir,

Please select the leader you want to attach the advisor too.



M. Davis, Commander of 1st SHQ

ATTACH



I. Copernicus, Director of Supreme Command Council

ATTACH



B. Clarke, Governor of Epsilon

ATTACH

Ideally you always assign your Advisor to another Leader since otherwise you'll not be making use of him/her.

4.4.3. FACTIONS

Another thing you should really inspect at start of your game is what Factions are active among your Leaders.

REAL TIME

SUBJECT: **FACTIONS OVERVIEW**

FRM: Simon Alifort Secretary **CALL**

Sir,

The Factions have the following % of influence in the Politburo:

- Democratic Party has 70%. Happiness: 65. (Majority)
- Martial Steel Front has 30%. Happiness: 64. (Minority)

The following Classes have voting rights:



- Cabinet member Leaders

Next 'Proportional' vote is in 13 rounds.

DP **MSF**

MARTIAL STEEL FRONT (MSF)	SECTOR	PROF.	POWER BASE	REL.
Vote: 30% Fist ++	Zone Administration	0	None	-2
Members: 2 Enforcement ++	National Government	0	Average	+2
Happiness: 64 Autocracy +	Military Hierarchy	+4	None	-10

Leader: Acadia Cryomate

 Acadia Cryomate Reserve Pool member. LEADER OF MSF. Seniority Rank #23	 Ian Copernicus Director of Supreme Command Council. Seniority Rank #63
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In this case, we have Democratic Party and Martial Steel Front active. Each has its own Profile. Your Relation with them will improve if you move the Regime Profile in the direction of their likes.

A good Faction Happiness (>60) will give you an increasing chance to receive Faction Stratagems from them, while a bad Faction Happiness (<60) will give you an increasing chance of a problem arising with this Faction.

But maybe more importantly, the Leaders that are members of a Faction will be influenced a lot by their Faction's Happiness in determining their Relation score with you. As a rule of thumb, a happy Faction means happy Faction members.

To get Faction Happiness up there are three main things you can do:

1) Appoint their Leaders to important jobs, and especially the kind of jobs that their Profile likes the most. It also pays to take special care of their Faction Leader, he has more impact on Faction Happiness than other Leaders.

In the case of the screenshot above, it might be a good idea to replace the current SHQ Commander with Acadia Cryomate from the MSF because her Faction likes to get Military jobs. If it was not for the fact that she really has no relevant skills. I am not sure I would prefer a lousy Commander to a happy Faction. But that is the kind of decision you'll have to make yourself.

2) When they make Demands to you, accept them and deliver them as well.

3) When making Decisions, move your Regime Profile towards the Profile of the Faction you want to have increased Happiness.

4) Getting your Word Score up. A noble supreme leader with a high Word Score gives a big bonus to the Faction Happiness of all Factions.

Ideally, you'll try to keep all Factions happy, but if you cannot you should consider choosing which one you'll make happy and which Faction you'll make unhappy.

Try to get as many members of the Faction that's happy on key positions as this will guarantee Leaders with higher Relation scores.

However, circumstances might force your hand.



4.4.4. LEADER STRATAGEMS

You might end up with a Leader with a low Relation score at some point. Maybe because you are not helping his/her Faction or maybe just because the Leader is too demanding. But if he/she is skilled or doing an important job, you'll want to increase his/her Relation. First of all, you can do this by calling your Secretary and changing Leader salaries. Higher salaries almost always help getting a Leaders, Relation score up.

But you can also play Leader Stratagems on the Leader. You'll always get some of these, but if you want to have a lot, you should create an Interior Council and invest BP in the Human Resource Task.

For example, our Governor Bella Clarke has a Relation of 70, but we want to get it even higher to get more production bonus in her Zone.

Select Leader

Leader	Role	Relation
Acadia Cryomata	Reserve Pool member	Relation 67
Aries Bulkhead	Advisor	Relation 68
Bella Clarke	Governor of Epsilon	Relation 70
Ian Copernicus	Director of Supreme Command Council	Relation 71
Marlow Davis	Commander of 1st SHQ	Relation 77
Simon Ailfort	Secretary	Relation 96

MEDAL OF MERIT

A personal favor by you to welcome the Leader to the Order of Merit.

TARGET LEADER

Bella Clarke
70

EXECUTED BY

Ian Copernicus
Supreme Command Council

DIFFICULTY
No Tests

EXECUTE STRATAGEM

BELLA CLARKE
Governor of Epsilon
TARGET VALID

The Medal of Merit is just one of the many Stratagems that can improve your Relation with a Leader. Don't be shy to use them.

After giving her the Medal of Merit her Relation Score went up to with +25 to a whopping 95. And as you can see, this medal gives her a permanent Charisma Stat boost as well.

BELLA CLARKE, GOVERNOR OF EPSILON

CONFIDENTIAL

STRAT CALL

Demographics

- 34 year old female
- Relation: 95 ▲15
- Legacy: 70
- Seniority Rank: #63
- Stability Rating: 32
- Technical Rating: 36
- Command Rating: 0
- Interprete Rating: 48

PROFILE

Autocracy **

STR **INT** **MAR** **CHA** **WILL** **CAF**

20 35 36 28 30 11

SKILL **LVL** **STAT** **FEAT** **FOY**

SKILL	LVL	STAT	FEAT	FOY
Administration	13	1a+23+0	-	36
Investigations	0	1a+23+7	-	30
Trade	1	1a+23+6	-	30
Technical	0	1a+23+7	-	30
Medical	0	1a+23+7	-	30
Sciences	0	1a+23+7	-	30
Prospecting	8	1a+23+3	-	34
Scavenging	0	1a+23+7	-	30
Agriculture	2	1a+23+6	-	31
Sustenance	0	1a+23+7	-	30
Biology	0	1a+23+7	-	30

SKILL **LVL** **STAT** **FEAT** **FOY**

SKILL	LVL	STAT	FEAT	FOY
High Command	0	1a+0	-	0
Operational Command	0	1a+0	-	0
Covert Ops	0	1a+0	-	0
Ribery	0	1c+28+10	+10	48
Diplomacy	20	1c+28+0	+10	58
Leadership	7	1c+28+7	+10	52
Streetwise	0	1c+28+10	+10	48
Strategy	0	1c+28+10	+10	48
Intelligence	19	1c+28+1	+10	58
Intergatation	0	1c+28+10	+10	48
Endurance	0	1b+0	-	0

PERSONALITY

Emotional: 44 Egoism: 64
Berserk: 50 Witty: 75
Ambition: 71 Corruption: 0
Authority: 44 Theft: None

FEATS

Medal of Merit

You personally honored the Leader with a visit to decorate him in the Order of Merit. This medal helps the Leader's Charisma and Seniority and is a source of continuous pride.
Charisma +10

EXPERIENCE: 335 ▲4

TAGEM

4.4.5. LEADER BONUSES AND SKILLS

A happy Leader will give you direct advantages. Above Relation Score 50, you'll receive bonuses on the work the leader is doing. Below 50, you'll receive penalties. However, keep in mind that if no Leader is assigned it acts as a Relation 0 Leader. So, it is almost always prudent to assign Leaders.

For Governors, the Relation Score impacts Public Resource production levels with up to +25% or -50% (but not other items like BP or Private Items).


For Commanders, the Relation Score impacts XP (training) and Morale levels.

For Directors, the Relation Score impacts the progress of their Tasks.

REAL TIME

SUBJECT:
SUPREME COMMAND COUNCIL OVERVIEW

FROM:
Ian Copernicus
Director of Supreme Command Council, leader of MSF

 CALL

Sir,

Here is an overview of all the Organisations Tasks:

<p>POLITICAL POWER</p> <p>Current Task priority: 50%</p> <p>BP assigned start turn: 29 BP</p>	<p>START OF TURN LOG</p> <p>With 29 BP assigned to support Political Power we managed to create 44 ppPoints. Director Relation Bonus was: 21%. Director Administration Skill Bonus was: 26%.</p>
<p>GENERAL STRATAGEMS</p> <p>Current Task priority: 50%</p> <p>BP assigned start turn: 29 BP</p>	<p>START OF TURN LOG</p> <p>With 29 BP assigned to support General Stratagems we managed to create 7 spyCardPoints. Director Relation Bonus was: 21%. Director Covert.Ops Skill Bonus was: 6%.</p> <p>With 29 BP assigned to support General Stratagems we managed to create 9 majorDipCardPoints. Director Relation Bonus was: 21%. Director Diplomacy Skill Bonus was: 26%.</p> <p>With 29 BP assigned to support General Stratagems we managed to create 8 minorDipCardPoints. Director Relation Bonus was: 21%. Director Diplomacy Skill Bonus was: 13%.</p>

Above you can see how, especially in your bureaucracy, a good Relation Score gives a big bonus. But you can also see that Skills provide bonuses.

Getting the best out of your Leaders, Skill Rolls means keeping their Relation Score high. A Leader with a Relation Score of 25 will suffer -10 on his Skill Rolls while a Leader with a Relation Score of 75 will get +10 on his Skill Rolls and a Relation Score of 100 will even give +20.

Skills are used all the time.

A Council Director will use Skill Rolls for the different Tasks he is assigned every round.

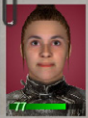
A Commander will use Skills almost exclusively during Combat. But here the combined weight of his Skills can give huge modifiers and it is often the most capable Commander who wins the day.

And a Governor can increase production of specific Assets if he has specific Skills. The Agriculture Skill for example gives a boost to the production of Farm Assets.

SUBJECT:
OUR WORKER IN EPSILON ARE HARASSED


REAL TIME



FROM:
Bella
Clarke
Governor of
Epsilon
CALL




In Epsilon the people are so upset with their conditions that they started harassing our public workers. This is causing unrest and hurting the happiness of our workers.

What course of action should I take?

A. Send in the troops to punish these thieves!
Cost: 1 PP, Autocracy  +5



B. Investigate who is directing the harassment
Investigation Roll 1d100 +41 vs. Diff=50+2d100 (avg 150)
Cost: 1 PP, Unrest+7 possible, Meritocracy  +7

C. Do nothing
Cost: 1 PP, Unrest+20

Above we see an event where Governor Bella Clarke has to make a Decision. Note that if you choose option B she will have to make a Skill Roll. It is the occurrence of these kind of events where the presence of a Governor with strong IPR really counts.

4.4.6. ELECTIONS

If your political system is a Parliament or a Senate there will be regular elections. Even if your political system is Politburo there will be, but there will not be much voting going on.

Elections determine what percentage of the Parliament/Senate or Politburo each Faction will control.

These elections do not bring Happiness to the Faction as such. However, they'll decide which Faction will be in the Majority and which Faction will be in the Minority.

It is almost always the Majority Faction(s) which will make a Demand on you. There are Stratagems available to you that you can produce through the Secret Service Council that will allow you to tinker with the odds of them winning an election by giving them direct support.

Keep an eye on those elections and remember the Majority Faction will get a boost in the elections if your Popularity has gone up.

4.4.7. GETTING RID OF LEADERS

At some point you will find yourself with Leaders that you'll never assign to a job, because their Skills are too low, their attitude is wrong or because they just really don't like you.

Here Stratagems come in. You can use the Interior Council's Human Resource Task to produce Stratagems that can retire Leaders (at a cost).

Alternatively, you can use the Secret Service Council to produce an Assassinate Leader Stratagem.

It can also be effective to just wait until the Leader is so fed up he leaves (or rebels) out of his own volition.

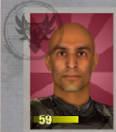
4.4.8. LEADERS IMPROVE WITH EXPERIENCE

Every round, Leaders will gain more experience. Especially military positions can do miracles here. The XP gained will be spent by the Leader

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IAN COPERNICUS, DIRECTOR OF SUPREME COMMAND COUNCIL

ASSIGNMENTS AND DATA



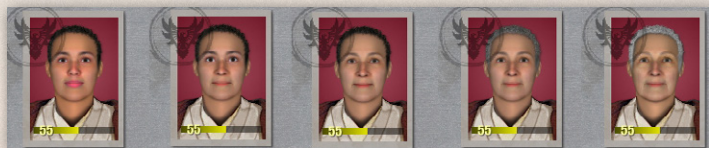
ROUND HISTORY LOG

13	Spent 6 XP to improve Diplomacy with +1 Levels. (14.4%) .
12	Spent 6 XP in a failed attempt to improve Covert.Ops. (22.4%) .
11	Spent 6 XP to improve Administration with +1 Levels. (23.2%) .
10	Spent 6 XP to improve Diplomacy with +3 Levels. (28.8%) .
9	Spent 6 XP in a failed attempt to improve Administration. (23.2%) .
8	Spent 6 XP to improve Administration with +2 Levels. (23.2%) .
7	Spent 6 XP to improve Covert.Ops with +1 Levels. (22.4%) .
6	Spent 6 XP to improve High Command with +2 Levels. (22.4%) .
6	Profile 'autocracy' + acquired.
5	Profile 'enforcement' + acquired.
4	Spent 6 XP in a failed attempt to improve High Command. (22.4%) .
2	Became the Leader of Martial Steel Front.
2	Spent 6 XP to improve High Command with +1 Levels. (22.4%) .

on one of the Skills he has been using. Over time you'll see the Skill Levels of your Commanders go up.

Above is an example of a Leader gaining some Skill Levels over some Rounds. The higher the Capability Level of the Leader, the higher the Skill Level gain you'll see over time.

Furthermore, Leaders can pick up Leader Feats over time, through events or through Stratagems. Also, Archaeological Finds can help you find strong artefacts that can be given to your Leaders.



To finish on a negative note. Beware when your Leaders get too old and gray... they will tend to lose Stat levels and sooner or later they will be forced to retire from your services.

4.5. LOGISTICS 101

If you have just one tiny Zone and all Assets and Units are in the same Hex as your SHQ you have nothing to worry about.

But once you start expanding there will be many Hexes between your SHQ and your Units, Assets and even other Cities in other Zones.

Your Units will still need Ammo and Food and it will have to be transported to them from your SHQ.

Other Zones under the same SHQ might need Items as well or they might want to deliver excess Items to the SHQ. This also requires transport.

And transport requires a Logistical Network. A Logistical Network is just a fancy word for all the Logistical Points you have "spread over" your roads.

4.5.1. YOUR INITIAL LOGISTICAL NETWORK

When you start a default settings game and after some initial expansion when you switch on the Initial Logistical Points layer (Map Layers Bar) you'll see something like this:



In grey you see the numbers of your Logistical Points. These have been generated by your Logistical Assets and have been spread out over your Road Network at start of turn.

1 The City Hex contains one Logistical Asset (Transport Hub I) and due to its production of Truck Logistical Points the previous turn these have started spreading out from its Hex at the start of the current turn. You can see the City Hex got 400 Truck Logistical Points assigned to it for “spreading-out” and 200 of these followed the road to the south-west and 200 of these followed the road to the north-east. If the City had had only one road leading out of it, all 400 points would have been “spread-out” on that road.

2 The Transport Hub I Asset generates 400 Truck Logistical Points per turn. Note that there is a delay and that these Truck Logistical Points get applied to the Logistical Network the turn after they are produced. You can also see this Asset generates 50 Truck Action Points. These Truck Action Points determine how far the Truck Logistical Points can be spread out over your road network.

3 Truck Logistical Movement costs 12 Action Points (AP) per Dirt Road Hex so with the 50 Truck Action Points generated by the Transport Hub I Asset that means the 400 Truck Logistical Points it generated can be spread out at full-force over 4 Dirt Road Hexes.

4 Note that after the 50 Truck Action Points have been consumed, the Truck Logistical Points still get “spread-out” further, but now quickly lose Logistical Points every further additional Hex they go, until they reach the Hex that costs double the Truck Action Points range to reach, which is the maximum distance the Truck Logistical Points can be spread out to. As you can see in the image at range 4 from the City, the Truck Logistical Points were still applied at full force with 200 Truck Logistical Points, but at range 5 they dropped to 160 and eventually at maximum range 8 they dropped to 40.

4.5.2. LOGISTICAL POINTS ON YOUR HEXES

These Logistical Points on your Road and City Hexes can be used to transport Items. For a transport of Hex A to Hex B there need to be continuous Logistical Points present on the road Hexes between them.



In the above screenshot, the Current Logistical Points Layer has been activated. It shows in green how many points still remain. As you can see, it's less than the 400 Logistical Points in the previous screenshot showing the Initial Logistical Points Layer. This is because some of the Logistical Points have been used to supply Units.

Take for example the 3rd Holotop Guards Unit (1). It required 6 Food Supply (4) to be sent from SHQ (2). This has been fully delivered because there were enough Logistical Points on the trajectory between the SHQ and the Unit. However... if 3rd Holotop Guards had requested, say, 200 Food Supply then only a part would have been delivered because not enough Logistical Points would be present on the trajectory.

Also note that after the initial 400 Logistical Points got divided into 2 and went their own direction, the 200 Logistical Points getting “spread-out” on the road north-east of the City got divided again two Hexes later (3).

4.5.3. INSPECTING DETAILS AND SETTING TRAFFIC SIGNS

We can take a close-up look at that second branching by going into Traffic Signs Order Mode, clicking the Hex in question and then left-clicking it again.

The screenshot displays two main panels from the game's interface:

- Blocking % Traffic Signs for 10.14:** This panel shows a central hexagon with a road network and a value of 200. It includes controls for 'Traffic Signs for' (Truck Logistics, Rail Logistics, Pull Points) and a grid of buttons for different blocking percentages (None, 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, 100%) for each category. A 'Custom Pull Points' section at the bottom allows selecting values from 0 to 50K. A 'Global Ops' section includes 'Clear all Signs' and 'Clear all Custom Pulls' buttons, along with checkboxes for 'Asset Pull Pts', 'Unit Pull Pts', and 'City Pull Pts'.
- Logistics Logs for 10.14:** This panel shows a log of recent events. The log entries include:
 - Received 200 Truck Points (ap=20/50 est=0/0) from South-West
 - Spilled 100 of 200 Truck Points* to North
 - Spilled 100 of 200 Truck Points* to North-East
 - Sent 100 Truck Points (ap=30/50 est=0/0) to North
 - Sent 100 Truck Points (ap=30/50 est=0/0) to North-East

Here we can see in detail

(1) that 200 Logistical Points entered the Hex from the south-west (that is the road that left the City towards the north-east). Arriving at the split in the road it sent 100 Logistical Points up north and 100 further forward north-east.

(2) To set a Traffic Sign click on one of the percentage buttons. The % mentioned is the amount of Logistical Points that will be blocked from going in that direction. The sign will affect everything flagged in the buttons above (3).

(3) To limit a Traffic Signs effect to a certain operation you can flag/unflag different operations.

(4) You can add Custom Pull Points to a Hex or choose to block the use of any Automatic Pull Points.

(5) You can disable some or all Automatic Pull Points. Your settings will be remembered next time you start a game.

If you have many crossroads, you'll see your Logistical Points will dilute quickly. For this reason, you can place Traffic Signs and block all or a certain percentage of the Logistical Points being "spread-out" to travel in a certain direction. To illustrate this, we are setting a Traffic Sign on the road leading to the north to block "All" Logistical Points.



Here above we can see the Traffic Sign in place on that road junction. The effect will be applied when the Logistical Network is created again start of next turn.

In the next turn we see that all the Logistical Points to keep following the road leading east.



4.5.4. EXTENDING YOUR LOGISTICAL ACTION POINTS

At the fringes of our Logistical Network (between range 4 and 8 from the City) we see that the number of Logistical Points is getting low and at range 9 it disappears.

The cheapest way to extend your Logistical Network just a little bit is to build a Supply Base on just the right spot to extend the “spreading-out” of the Logistical Points of the Transport Hub I Asset.



The selected Hex (1) above would be the ideal Hex for a Supply Base as it is still (just) within the 50 AP Truck Range of the Transport Hub I Asset and when completed can thus extend the full Logistical Points passing through the Hex 50 Action Points further than otherwise would be possible.



Above we can see how the Initial Logistical Points are being “spread” twice as far as before due to the 50 Truck AP Extension Points produced by the Supply Base. Note that as with Logistical Points, Extension Points are used in the Logistical Network the start of turn after the turn they have been produced.

Note also that Extension Points are not cumulative and constructing another Supply Base at the selected Hex above (1) will not increase the range of the Truck Logistical Points coming from the City any further.

4.5.5. REALLY IMPROVING YOUR LOGISTICAL NETWORK

The Supply Bases discussed above are cheap and quick to construct but are really only good to give you a little bit more range. Take for example the road from the previous section far west beyond the Supply Base (named “Sulphur”) we constructed.

If you need a lot more range, you will need to take more structural measures. The most effective way to get some real increase in Logistical Network



on our “far away from the City” border here would be to construct a new Truck Station. This takes some effort, but once this construction is completed the effect is big. As we can see below:

The new Truck Station (named “Baracha”) now causes

1,000 Truck Logistical Points to be spread out from its Hex in a 100 Truck AP Range. There are now 580 Logistical Points at start of turn between Baracha Hex and Sulphur Hex. Before the construction of the new Truck Station there were only 80 Logistical Points on that trajectory.

Furthermore, when our empire spreads further west we can repeat the same trick with placing a Supply Base once more to further extend the range of the Truck Station.



4.5.6. PRIVATE AND PUBLIC TRUCK LOGISTICS ASSETS

You might have noticed that the Truck Station in Bachara (a Public Asset) gives more Logistical Points and AP Range than the Transport Hub in our City (a Private Asset).



Above you can clearly see how superior the Truck Station is, but at the quid pro quo that you'll have to provide some Workers and Fuel.

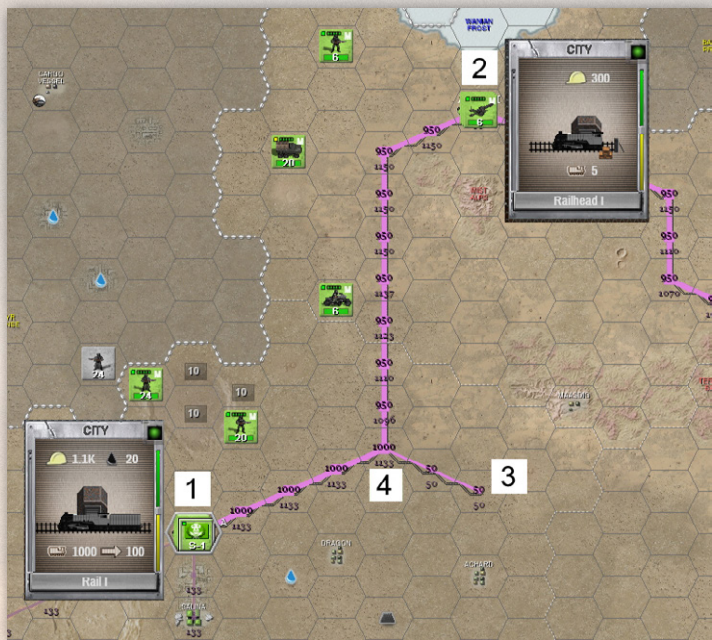
It is possible to “Nationalize” the Private Transport Hub and turn it into a Public Truck Station at the cost of some Credits and Population Happiness. This is something you should seriously consider doing to quickly double the range of your Truck Logistical Points as well as to more than double their quantity.

You can Nationalize a Private Asset by going to the Assets Tab, selecting the Asset and then clicking on the “Nationalize” button to the left.

4.5.7. RAILROADS

It is possible to upgrade Truck Stations to higher levels to get many more Logistical Points. However, the range of those higher levels will stay more or less the same. If your empire grows really big it is of course possible to build a long chain of Truck Stations, but Railroads might be more effective as the range of Rail Stations allows Rail Logistical Points to be spread much, much further than those Truck Logistical Points ever can be.

Above we see a City in the bottom (1) that has a Railroad going up north to another City (2). There is also a small branch splitting off halfway between them (3).



Note that the City in the bottom (1) has a Rail Station Asset present that is generating a 1,000 Rail Logistical Points and these get “spread-out” during the generation of your Logistical Network over all the Railroad Hexes.

Note that if we were considering Trucks, the Logistical Points would have divided 500 : 500 at the split in the road (4). However, to properly function, Railroads need to have a beginning and an ending. Rail Station Assets provide this function, as do Rail Head Assets (2). If there is no ending on a certain Railroad only 10% of the Rail Logistical Points will be allowed to be “spread out” over that Railroad, as it the case with our little branch (3).

4.5.8. ASSETS AND YOUR LOGISTICAL NETWORK

You should be aware of the rule that Public Assets (although they do not consume Logistical Points) need a road connection to their City that has at least a 100 Logistical Points per Asset level. Private Assets need only half that.

4.5.9. OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS



Assets and Zones need to have a direct Logistical Network connection to their Hexes, but Units are more flexible, and they'll pick up their Supply Items (like Food) at a road Hex that can be several Hexes away. The Units thus have a certain range around them in which they can pick-up stuff from road Hexes that actually have Logistical Points on them. This ability of the Units is their Operational Logistics ability.

Switching on the Used Logistical Points Layer, as well as the Show Operational Logistics Layer, will help you understand the Units' Operational Logistics ranges.

Note that your regular Logistical Point usage is shown as solid lines and Operational Logistics usage is shown as dotted lines.

1 Remember "Sulphur" Supply Base? It is on a road directly leading to the City with the SHQ. All Hexes on the road have Logistical Points on them. In the image above that are the white lines. All these Hexes connected by the white lines can serve as pick-up points for Units that are off the road-grid.

2 The off-road infantry Unit here for example has been picking up Supply Items 4 Hexes to the north-west. It is still in ideal Operational Logistics range as is shown by the dotted green line.

3 The off-road motorized Unit has also been picking up Supply Items, but this time 6 Hexes to the north-west. It is well beyond ideal Operational Logistics range, but it is still within the maximum Operational Logistics range. It will have been partially supplied.

Due to the fact that we activated the Operational Logistics Layer, we can see the range for ideal Operational Logistics (green Hexes) and the range for maximum Operational Logistics (yellow, blue and red). These colours give a preview for the Operational Logistics of the Units (if it does not move) at the start of the next turn.

Due to the fact that we activated the Used Logistical Points Layer, we see all the line where regular Logistical Points or Operational Logistical Points were used. Note that the Operational Logistical Points are coloured. A green dotted line to a Hex means that a Unit was there at the start of turn and that it was within ideal Operational Logistical Range. The yellow, blue and red dotted lines show Hexes where Units were present at start of turn that were still within maximum Operational Logistical Range.

5. THE RULES

This is a lengthy part of the manual. It goes over all the rules that are used in *Shadow Empire*. Except the first section, which provides a good overview of all the concepts and playing pieces in the game, I advise that players use this chapter as a reference as opposed to read it from start to end.

5.1. CONCEPTS

Before we start going into detail, let's give you a rough overview of some concepts and the stuff you'll be confronted with when you first fire up the game.

5.1.9.1. ADVISORS

You can only have a limited number of Leaders that have the prestigious Advisor position. They are special, as you can attach them to any other Leader, including Zone Governors and OHQ Commanders. When attached, an Advisor will also do any Skill Roll that the Leader he is attached to is doing and if he or she has a higher roll, that roll will be used instead.

5.1.9.2. ALIEN LIFEFORMS

In the current version of *Shadow Empire*, you probably will not encounter any alien Civilisations. However, there might be some primitive alien life present on some Planets. Presence of alien lifeforms can have biohazard repercussions for unprotected humans and Open Terran Farming. Farming alien crops might be an option if any are available and they are in fact compatible with the human digestive system.

5.1.9.3. ATMOSPHERE

Your Planet will have a unique atmosphere. The composition of the atmosphere matters for a variety of reasons. The most important characteristic of an atmosphere is if it is breathable by humans and if it supports Open Farming.

5.1.9.4. BUREAUCRATIC POINTS (BP)

These are generated by some of your more governmentally-oriented Assets, notably Offices Assets. You can disperse these BP over your Organizations

by setting the National Budget. Call your Secretary if you want to discuss it. Inside the Organizations, they can be used to Research, make Stratagems and be put to good use on a big number of other Tasks.

5.1.9.5. CABINET

This is the operational day-to-day team that governs your Regime and that makes Decisions with you. It is composed of all the Council Directors, all SHQ Commanders and all Advisors you have in your service. All members of this “high management team” can weigh in on any Decisions. It is considered prestigious among Leaders to be on the board of the Cabinet.

5.1.9.6. CASUALTIES

Military casualties have an impact on the Zone where the Soldiers come from. People there are losing fathers, sons and other family members. Although some military losses are expected by the Population at a certain level of casualties, people will eventually feel the sacrifice in life is becoming too great and it will reduce Happiness and Loyalty. Note that the Fist Profile opens up the road to Regime Feats that can increase the casualty tolerance of your Populace.

5.1.9.7. CLIMATE

Your Planet will have a unique climate. Temperature and rainfall are particularly key characteristics of your Planet. They’ll determine how valuable Water will be and if non-Domed Farming is possible.

5.1.9.8. COMMANDERS

Each SHQ and OHQ should ideally have a Leader assigned as its Commanders. SHQ Commanders give a boost to Morale growth and OHQ Commanders give a boost to Experience growth by training.

5.1.9.9. CREDITS (CR)

This is the monetary unit used in *Shadow Empire*. It is actually Liquid Energy kept inside a metallic container in the form of a coin or (with larger denominations) a bar. It also includes derivatives and paper money claims on Liquid Energy. The game abstracts all this for you and a Credit is just a Credit as far as you are concerned. The amount of Credits in circulation

varies due to inflation or deflation and scavenging. You use Credits to pay Leaders, Workers, recruit Soldiers and Colonists, to trade and do Diplomacy.

5.1.9.10. CULTURE

The Population of every zone belongs to a specific Culture. A people can have specific traits like a higher birth rate. Furthermore, Militia Units of specific peoples will have special Troops that are otherwise not available to you.

5.1.9.11. DECISIONS

Among the reports you'll find on your desk will be Decisions. Here there will be an issue presented to you and you'll have to make a choice. These choices will very often have an impact on your Regime Profile and your Relation with your Leaders. Your Cabinet members and other involved Leaders will often give you advice on the decision to take. It will be hard to always do the right thing. It is not obligatory to make a Decision, if you don't, the Decision will be made by one of your underlings (often, but not always your Secretary).

5.1.9.12. DIRECTORS

Each Organization should ideally have a Leader assigned as its Director. Directors enable Organizations to do their Tasks faster or better.

5.1.9.13. DISCOVERY

Before your Organizations are able to research, operationalize or design they need to have a basic idea what to work on. These ideas you get by setting the same Organizations to work on discovering ideas. Once an idea is discovered you can actually work on getting it into practical use. Discovery has a big random element in it, so the choices of what you can research, operationalize or design will vary from game to game.

5.1.9.14. EXPOSURE

There might be many hostile factors on your Planet. Cold temperatures, Radiation, a Toxic atmosphere or Biohazards. People and especially Troops who venture outside can be protected against these. A number of options are available to equip your Troops with either the bare minimum or less, or once researched, high grade pressurized personal armor.

5.1.9.15. FREE FOLK

Not everybody wants to be seen. The Free Folk are those people who stay mostly under your line of sight. They roam in uninhabited areas or they hide from you. Remember that a Hex is a large place (200km). Free Folk are migratory by nature and do not care much about Zone boundaries. If you are running a Zone properly and your Population is happy, Free Folk will be tempted to migrate to that Zone's City and join your Population.

5.1.9.16. FORMATION TYPES

Formation Types can be operationalized by your Staff Council. Once you have done that, you can use the Formation Type to deploy Troops in the field. There are two Formation Types: Formations (multi-unit with their own Operational HQ (OHQ)) and Independent Units. The latter kind does not bring much other advantage except being able to deploy a certain kind of troop mix. The former allows a Leader to take charge of the Formation and also Posture Stratagems to be played on it. Most OHQ Formation Types also allow you to assign one or more Independent Units to them as Auxiliary Units. The Auxiliary Units will then also benefit from the Leader's skills and any Posture the Formation has been set to.

5.1.9.17. GOVERNORS

You can and should appoint a Governor to each Zone that you control. Governors ensure that production in Public Assets runs much more efficiently. A Governor also allows you to Call the Governor and to discuss specific Zone Orders for him/her.

5.1.9.18. HUNGER

Everybody needs Food, and so do your Population, your Workers and your Soldiers. If not enough Food is available, they'll start starving and eventually dying or deserting you. Whatever you do, always make sure there is enough Food available for your Workers, Soldiers, Recruits, Colonists and, if you feel like it, your Population. But in order to feed your Population, you have to tell your Governor to allow Emergency Food to be given.

5.1.9.19. LANDSCAPE TYPES

Each Hex can have a different Landscape Type. These Landscape Types can have effects on economic productivity and Unit movement and combat rules.

5.1.9.20. LEADERS

You are the supreme leader of your Regime, but you have many Leaders at your disposal to help you run things smoothly. Leaders can be assigned as Zone Governors, SHQ or OHQ Commanders, Organization Directors and as Advisors. In almost all cases, the absence of a Leader and a vacant Leader slot (for Zones, HQs and Organizations) will cause you to lose at least some efficiency.

5.1.9.21. LEADER RELATION

The Relation score you have with a Leader is extremely important. For the strength of the bonuses given by Leaders, but also for their Skill Rolls that are modified by their Relation score.

5.1.9.22. LEADER SKILLS

Leaders can have Skills. It is these Skills that are used in a variety of Skill Rolls ranging from recovering Morale in Units to trying to fix combat Unrest in a Zone.

5.1.9.23. LOCAL TIME VS EARTH TIME

Every Round is 2 Earth Months.

Earth Years are not necessarily equal to Local Years.

Age of your Leaders is presented in Earth Years (it is really easier to interpret that way).

5.1.9.24. LOGISTICAL NETWORK

Logistics means the transport of items from one place to another. Your Logistical Network strength is the measure in which you are able to do that transporting. Your Logistical Network is a name for the totality of all the Logistical Points present on your Roads and Rail. The Logistical Points are generated by Assets like Truck and Rail Stations. The Logistical Points are, for example, used when the SHQ sends Items to Zones or supplies Units.

5.1.9.25. MAJOR REGIMES

There are two kinds of enemy Regimes, Minors and Majors. Majors are just like your Regime. They are rivals in the race for planetary conquest. There is a plethora of diplomatic and secret service Stratagems that you can use on Major Regimes.

5.1.9.26. MILITIA TROOPS

Upon start of the default game, all your forces are Militia forces. You control the movements of Militia Units but otherwise they function mostly autonomously. They take care of their own Replacement Troops and Supply. Militias are Zone-based and their growth depends on the Militancy score of their Zone. Their Zone Militia will also deliver Supply Items and possible Replacement Troops to your SHQ. The power of a Militia is rooted in the Zone Militancy score.

5.1.9.27. MINOR REGIMES

There are two main kinds of enemy Regimes. Minors and Majors. Minors resemble a rather undeveloped Regime. Minors have no control over their economy, have no Organization, only a supreme leader and their forces work like your Militia. Minors can be convinced to become a “client state” or even to willingly merge with you.

5.1.9.28. MINING

Chances are your Planet will have at least some mineral Deposits. It is possible to find and mine the following Deposits: Metals, Rare Metals, Radioactives, Water and Oil (Fuel).

5.1.9.29. MODELS

Models can be designed by your Design Council. A Light Tank or an Artillery Gun are examples of a Model. You need to design a Model (consider it making a prototype) before you can start producing it. Usually there are several design choices you can make once you order a new Model to be designed. You can also upgrade existing Models to perfect them, or to add new Techs into the design.

5.1.9.30. OPERATIONAL HQ (OHQ)

The Operational HQ is the lowest type of HQ. You can have an unlimited number of them and their purpose is to coordinate the efforts of frontline Units attached to them. OHQs always belong to and come with a Formation Type. A notable feature of an OHQ is the option to play Posture Stratagems on their Formations to give serious bonuses to the subordinate frontline Units. OHQs need to be assigned to a SHQ. OHQs need a Leader to be the Commander.

5.1.9.31. OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS

Logistical Points are only present on Road and Rail Hexes. Your Units however will often fight several Hexes away from those Roads or Railways. That is why all regular Units have a measure of Operational Logistical Range that allows them to pick up any needed supplies at the closest Road or Rail Hex.

5.1.9.32. ORGANIZATION

Organizations represent the government apparatus of your Regime. Your Zones will produce a certain number of BP (Bureaucratic Points) that can be assigned to your Organizations. With these BPs, the Organizations can perform a myriad of different Tasks, notably Research and production of Stratagems. Organizations need a Leader to be assigned as the Director of the Council in question.

5.1.9.33. PLANET

You will take charge of a Regime on one of the thousands of worlds once belonging to the Galactic Republic. Obviously, there is great diversity between all the Planets. When you start a new game, you will be able to select what kind of Planet you will want to play on. There are many planetary statistics that will impact your game, like the shape of the planetary surface, mineral Deposits and the presence of ice, water and life.

5.1.9.34. POLITICAL POINTS (PP)

This is the most vital resource you have. It is used to play Stratagems, make personnel changes, upgrade Cities, raise new Units and HQs. You will have more PP if you get more powerful, but your PP will always be highly limited. Be sure not to suffer Prestige Damage, as this can seriously reduce your PP income.

5.1.9.35. POPULARITY

This a Regime-wide score based on many Zone, Leader and Unit statistics. It helps you to avoid Unrest events even in Zones were conditions are miserable.

5.1.9.36. POPULACE

Is the sum of your Population and Workers in a certain Zone.

5.1.9.37. POPULATION

Most Zones have people who try to stay alive, grow Food, trade and raise kids. They tend to stay close together in the Zone City or in smaller communities around your Assets. Where they live exactly is abstracted. For all intents and purposes, assume them to all be in the City Zone. Normally Populations are quite docile, and they'll pay their due in exchange for your protection. Population otherwise takes care of itself. They construct their own Private Assets and keep their own Food and Credits reserves. Population can melt away and become Free Folk if they are unhappy or are starving. Likewise, if your Zone seems a good place to live, Free Folk might leave the wastelands and join your Population.

5.1.9.38. POSTURES

This is a specific category of Stratagems that is called Posture Stratagems. They allow you to assign a posture to an OHQ. These can give big and potentially decisive bonuses to your armies.

Note that when Posture effects are put in place that Walkers count as Infantry.

5.1.9.39. PRIVATE ASSETS

These are Assets that you did not order built yourself. It is the Population who constructed them and who works in them. Most of the benefice stays with them, but part is your due. You can increase that due by increasing Income and Sales Tax.

5.1.9.40. PROFILES AND REGIME FEATS

Each Regime has a Profile consisting on a large number of interlocking Profile fields. If you have a high score on a certain Profile it will give you the chance to acquire specific Regime Feats that can, for example, increase your production, chance of making peace or improve your military recruitment.

5.1.9.41. PRESTIGE DAMAGE

Can be suffered by declaring war on neighbours that you have good Relation with or even some sort of deals in place with. If present, it causes a decrease in PP Income.

5.1.9.42. PUBLIC ASSETS

You can use your Workers to construct a large variety of different Assets that will be under your direct control. Most Public Assets just need Workers present to maintain the Asset. You can choose to reduce production or close or mothball a Public Asset.

5.1.9.43. REGIME

Is the principal political and territorial entity ruled by a human player or an AI Leader. There are different types of Regimes out there. Notably: Major Regimes (like the Regime you are playing), Minor Regimes, Rebel Regimes and the Unaligned Forces Regime.

5.1.9.44. REGIME BONUSES

Regime Feats can provide Regime Bonuses. These Regime Bonuses range from producing more Items to being able to recruit better Leaders. There are also a number of Assets that produce Regime Bonus Points, which will be turned into Regime Bonuses as well.

5.1.9.45. REGIME LEVELS

Each Regime has 3 key levels: Tech Level, Admin Level and Civilisation Level. These levels, together with the City level of a Zone, limit the maximum levels of your Assets.

5.1.9.46. REGULAR TROOPS

As opposed to Militia, these are Troops that are directly recruited and operated by you. These Troops require you to feed and supply them. Regular Troops are more interesting since you can determine their Models and their Formation Type, and they can use an OHQ when included in a multi-Unit Formation Type.

5.1.9.47. REPLACEMENT TROOPS

All Units except SHQs have an ideal table of organization and equipment (TOE). The part that is missing can be sent from an SHQ as Replacement Troops. The reverse can be the case as well if for example you change the Formation Type.

5.1.9.48. REPORTS

You are the supreme leader of your Regime. Basically, you can picture yourself as a semi-tyrant (even if you allow some democracy, it is not as if you can be voted out of office). Every turn a lot of reports will show up on your desk. Most of them will be overviews and some of them will be boring. Don't worry: you do not need to read everything. Some of these papers on your desk will actually require a Decision from you.

5.1.9.49. RESEARCH

A number of Organizations can do research-like Tasks. Some for Techs (proper research), others for Formation Types (called operationalization) and Models (called design). However, before you can research (or operationalize or design) something you need to have Discovered the idea first.

5.1.9.50. ROADS AND RAILROADS

Each Hex can have a Road or Railroad moving to another Hex in up to 6 directions (as is to be expected with hexagons). Having a Road and Rail Network is crucial to connecting Zones and Units to their SHQs. Dirt Roads will be constructed when you construct an Asset. Roads (and Railroads) can be manually constructed as well using the Construct Road Order Mode.

5.1.9.51. SCAVENGING

Your Planet probably supported a lot more people before the Dissolution War than the current headcount. This means loads of Ruins can still be scavenged for scrap Metal and Food. Keep in mind that at some point you can completely pick clean a Ruins Hex and further scavenging will become impossible. If you have been unable to find Metal Deposits the construction of Scavenging Assets like Recycling Facility is a good idea.

5.1.9.52. SEASONS

Depending of the kind of Planet, you will almost always have some kind of Seasons. This means there will be Winter and Summer with the relevant change of temperatures. If you are on an inhospitable Planet, this might not mean much to you as everybody is already wearing Environmental Suits and doing their farming inside Domes.

5.1.9.53. STRATAGEMS

You'll have a limited number of Stratagems available. At a cost of spending PP (Political Points) or FP (Fate Points) you can play one or more of these Stratagems. Stratagems can impact Units, Leaders, Zones and other Regimes.

5.1.9.54. STRATEGIC HQ (SHQ)

The Strategic HQ is the highest type of HQ. You can only have a limited number of them due to the increasing strain they'll put on your PP income. They form the backbone of your Logistical Network as they act as Item inventories, receiving Items from production centres and sending them to Zones or Units in need of Items. Zones and OHQs need to be assigned to a SHQ. SHQs need a Leader to be the SHQ Commander.

5.1.9.55. TASKS

Each Organization can perform a number of Tasks, usually at least two but can be much more. To determine how much effort is put in each Task, you are able to set the Organization Budget. You can force this Decision by calling the Director of a specific Council and asking him/her to discuss it.

5.1.9.56. TECHS

Techs are technologies or concepts that you can research at some of your Organizations. There are two kinds of Techs: Linear and Binary ones. Linear Techs are easy to progress in initially but become harder to research once you become perfectionist. The positive effect of a Linear Tech is relative to your score on the Tech in question. Binary Techs require a fixed investment effort and are then finished. Binary Techs either are fully researched or they are not; only when fully researched do they give their positive effect.

5.1.9.57. TRADERS

Land-based Traders are intermingled with the Private Economy, though they'll also mingle with the Free folk. They are outside your control. However, you can buy or sell Items from them and impose taxes on them. Also Diplomats with Majors concerning trade can impact their operations.

5.1.9.58. UNITS

As opposed to HQs (OHQs and SHQs), these Units contain your actual combat Troops. They can be part of a Formation (multi-unit) or they can be Independent Units (directly under SHQ or attached as auxiliary Units to an OHQ).

5.1.9.59. WORKERS

You can hire Workers from your Population. Workers consume Food from your stocks. Depending on the wealth of the Private Economy you might need to pay them a small salary in order to stay in your service. They don't like it if they earn (much) less than they could earn in the Private Economy.

5.1.9.60. ZONE

Is a coherent administrative area consisting of a large number of Hexes. Each Zone has one City. Controlling that City means controlling the Zone. Zones need to be assigned to an SHQ. Zones need a Leader to be the Governor. It is possible to redraw the borders of Zones using the Borders Order Mode.

5.1.9.61. ZONE CITY LEVEL

Not all Zones have a City. If this is the case with one of your Zones, you'll need to found a City if you want to settle Colonists. If you found a new Zone it will start with City Level I. In order to upgrade your City to a higher level, you'll need to have a minimum amount of Population and Workers. The City Level determines in part the highest level your Assets can have.

5.1.9.62. ZONE CIVILISATION AND QOL SCORE

Represents how cultured and civilised (and probably decadent) your Population and Workers are in this Zone. Civilisation can rise up to the Quality of Life (QOL) Score of a Zone. The higher the Civilisation Score, the lower the Fertility Rate. The average of all Zone Civilisation Scores determines the Regime Civilisation Level.

5.2. PLANETARY

Let's take a look at rules that are Planet or Hex centred.

5.2.1. PLANET STATS

Each Planet will confront you with different conditions and different maps and terrains. Let's look a bit closer at a number of Planet Stats. You'll mostly be interested in these when you are generating a Planet when you are starting a new game. But you'll also want to double check them when you are for example wondering if you should equip your Troops with an Envirosuit or when asking yourself which kind of Farm to build.

5.2.1.1. STARS SPECTRAL CLASS

The Spectral Class determines the colour and Luminosity of the star our Planet is orbiting around. Keep in mind that bright stars like the A and F ranges have short life spans. Hence there will be less chance for life to develop on Planets orbiting those. The reverse is true in respect of K and M range stars, which are often of venerable age.

5.2.1.2. ORBITAL DISTANCE FROM STAR

An orbit too close to the Star will render the Planet too hot and an orbit too far from the Star will render the Planet too cold. The exact distances of close and far, and especially the so-called "Goldilocks Zone" of orbital bandwidth providing good planetary temperatures for Terran life, depend on the Luminosity of the Star. The distance to the Star is measured in Astronomical Units (AU). 1 AU is the distance between Earth and the Sun.

5.2.1.3. TEMPERATURE

The average temperature of the Planet gives you a good indication of the climate the Planet will have. As a reference: The average temperature of Earth is 15 degrees Celsius. Planets close or below zero tend to have major glaciers, if they have water presence.

5.2.1.4. GRAVITY & PLANETARY RADIUS

Gravity is useful to stay attached to the planetary surface when taking a stroll. But even more important good gravity will make sure the Planet does

not lose its atmosphere. Usually higher gravity means a denser atmosphere. As a reference: Earth gravity is 1. Mars gravity is 0.37 and this low number caused it to lose plenty of gases with high escape velocities to outer space.

Gravity is directly linked to Planetary Radius and Planetary Density. The more Mass the Planet has, the more Gravity it exerts.

5.2.1.5. PLANET AGE

A young Planet will be more geologically active and have more tectonic activity and mountains. An old Planet, especially a very old Planet, will be geologically dead and have fading mountain ranges. So younger Planets might seem to be more interesting. However, with regards to life, the older the Planet the more chance for it to emerge and evolve.

5.2.1.6. TILT

If the Planet is spinning around an axis that is at an angle it has a Tilt. This is what causes Seasons. As a reference: Earth's Tilt is at 23.5 degrees. The more Tilt, the greater the seasonal differences.

5.2.1.7. ECCENTRICITY OF ORBIT

If the Planet has an eccentric orbit around its Sun this will create greater seasonal differences. As a reference: Earth has almost no eccentricity and is almost perfectly circular.

5.2.1.8. SPEED OF ORBIT

This determines the length of the seasons. As a reference: Earth takes 356 days to complete an orbit and in game terms would have 6 seasons. You can generate Planets with from one to eight seasons.

5.2.1.9. SPIN

Basically, this impacts the length of a day. This is nice to know for setting an alarm clock for the inhabitants of the Planet, but for us it is only important because it has an impact on Wind Speeds. The quicker the Planet spins the higher the Wind Speeds will be. And Wind Speeds help determine how far water vapour can travel from the seas into the continents.

5.2.1.10. AIR PRESSURE

A thick atmosphere gives more even temperature distribution as well as higher Wind Speeds. Furthermore, higher air pressure gives more chance for life to emerge and evolve.

5.2.1.11. WIND SPEEDS

Wind speed has an impact on rainfall and temperature distribution. The higher the wind speeds, the further for example rain will fall from any seas the Planet possesses. Wind direction changes with the Seasons and it is possible for certain Zones to have plenty of rainfall in one season, but little in another.

5.2.1.12. RAINFALL

This is a very crucial statistic. Without rainfall the lifeforms and plants using Water as a Solvent will have a very hard time to emerge and evolve. Look for example at Mars... no rainfall... no life. High rainfall will also cause Rivers to form.

High rainfall can also reduce the efficiency of Solar Panels and provide Hide Points to your troops in the field. Note that Rainfall can be acid or alkaline as well. See Water PH section.

5.2.1.13. SEA OR LAKE SURFACE

Planets can have large open bodies of Water. This parameter will relate the percentage of Planet surface that is lakes and seas. Especially for life using Water as a Solvent the presence of bodies of Water will be crucial for its evolutionary progress.

5.2.1.14. SEASONS

An overview of the seasons is given here. Note that you only play on a part of the Planet. The longitudes above 66 degrees are not part of the map to prevent major distortion issues with the rectangular hexagonal grid that the game uses. This is one of the few compromises made design-wise. The top of the map is referred to as "Arctic" and the bottom of the map is referred to as "Antarctic".

Keep in mind that big seasonal shifts in temperature might play havoc on any plans you might have of doing Open Farming (as opposed to Domed Farming) on this Planet.

5.2.1.15. ATMOSPHERIC COMPOSITION

Many kinds of gasses can be present here. The presence or absence of them might make it impossible for Humans to breath in this atmosphere, or Open Farming to take place.

Some gasses can be extracted and turned into fuel at higher technology levels.

GAS	FULL NAME	FULLY TOXIC AT*	ESCAPE VELOCITY M/S
H ₂	Hydrogen		25000
He	Helium		20000
N ₂	Nitrogen		8000
Ar	Argon		6000
Ne	Neon		9000
Xe	Xenon		4000
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide	75000ppm+	5000
CH ₄	Methane	25000ppm+	10000
NH ₃	Ammonia	500ppm+	9000
SO ₂	Sulfur dioxide	100ppm+	5000
PH ₃	Phosphine		4500
NCCN	Cyanogen	1000ppm+	3500
CS ₂	Carbon disulfide	500ppm+	3000
CPH	Phosphatine	100ppm+	2500
O ₂	Oxygen		7000
H ₂ S	Hydrogen sulfide	500ppm+	6000
CF ₄	Tetrafluoromethane	200ppm+	5000
F ₂	Fluorine	200ppm+	7000
NO _x	Nitrogen Oxides	100ppm+	6000
H ₂ O	Water Vapor		9500

*=but less severe toxic effects might kick below this ppm (parts per million)

5.2.1.16. RESPIRATORY HAZARD LEVEL (RHL)

Can Humans breathe in this atmosphere?

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
0	Perfect atmosphere for humans.
1	Imperfect. Filters needed to breathe.
2	Insufficient. Envirosuit advised. Filters probably won't cut it.
3	Toxic. Envirosuit necessary.
4	Insidious. Instant death without Envirosuit.

5.2.1.17. BIOLOGICAL HAZARD LEVEL (BHL)

Do the Alien Lifeforms on this Planet pose any threat to Terran organisms and Humans?

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
0	No threat whatsoever to humans.
1	Irritant. Filters suffice to keep alien microbial life at bay.
2	Hostile. Envirosuit advised. Filters probably won't cut it.
3	Aggressive. Envirosuit necessary.
4	Extreme. Instant death without Envirosuit.

5.2.1.18. TERRESTRIAL ATMOSPHERIC AGRICULTURAL TOXICITY LEVEL (TAATL)

Do Terran Plants grow when planted outside your domes or are there gasses toxic to it present in the atmosphere?

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
0	None. Perfect atmosphere for Terran Plants.
1	Minor insufficiencies. Slightly reduced growth.
2	Medium insufficiencies. Reduced growth.
3	Major insufficiencies. Much reduced growth.
4	Incompatible. Terran Plants will die when exposed to this atmosphere.

5.2.1.19. ALIEN NUTRITIONAL TOXICITY LEVEL (ANTL)

On some Planets it might be more tempting to farm alien plants instead of Terran ones. However, not all alien plants (and animals) can be digested by Humans.

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
0	Excellent for humans. You can eat and digest the alien Plants on this world!
1	Minor toxins or minor molecular incompatibilities. Slightly reduced nutritional value.
2	Some toxins or some molecular incompatibilities. Reduced nutritional value.
3	Serious Toxins or molecular incompatibilities. Low nutritional value.
4	Toxic or incompatible. Terran plants will die when exposed to this atmosphere.

5.2.1.20. VEGETATION LEVEL

If Alien Lifeforms are present the most impactful life on the map is the Plant life.

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
0	Nothing visible. Maybe there are bacteria, but usually nothing visible.
1	Grass or Moss. Very small plants. We are talking up to 10 or 20 centimetres here. Nothing to provide cover, but it does liven up the scenery!
2	Shrubs or Bush. Plants up to several meters. Maybe even 5 or 10 meters! Allows for Savannah and Forests.
3	Trees that can grow dozens of meters high. Allows for Forests, Heavy Forest and Jungle.
4	So-called "Atlantean Level". Trees that can reach up to hundreds of meters high. Allows for all Forest types as well as Cloud Forests.

5.2.1.21. HAZARD EXPOSURE LEVEL

This Level is a combination of all previous Hazards, combined with taking into account the overall temperatures on the Planet and the air pressure (or in worst case vacuum).

It is used for quite a number of calculations. But notably to determine what happens when an Asset, vehicle or envirosuit is punctured in battle. At high Hazard Exposure Level death could be immediate. This has consequences for the lethality of battles and damage they might do to civilian infrastructure.

Also the production/construction costs go up (Hazard Surplus Cost) on Planets with a high Hazard Exposure Level. Summing it up: Its expensive to protect yourself and easy to kill yourself if Hazard Exposure Level is high.

5.2.1.22. SALINITY

Surface water is seldom pure water. It tends to mix with the minerals of the planetary crust. The more mountains, the more rock erosion potential and thus the more salts will end up in the seas over time. Yes, the older the Planet the more salts will pile up. The smaller the seas on a Planet the more saline they'll tend to be due to lack of dilution. Lifeforms however will reduce salinity by absorbing it to build skeletons and shell-like structures. Oceans and closed lakes (without river exits) will have the highest salinity. Rivers have negligible salinity and (often) so do lakes that have an outflow. Salinity is kept track of on a hex-by-hex basis. High Salinity will make it harder to obtain usable/drinkable water. In such cases the few sources of fresh water might well become of strategic importance. Earth's oceans have about 4000mg of salts per liter, rendering it hard to make that water usable, and rendering fresh water a valuable resource.

5.2.1.23. HEAVY METALS

Not all planetary crusts have the same composition, some will be more rich in Heavy Metals. Usually those kinds of places are also good for mining, but Heavy Metals are not great when we are talking about obtaining drinkable water or edible vegetables. The dispersion of Heavy Metals in the Soil and the Sea depends heavily on the level of mountainousness and rain erosion experienced by the Planet. High Heavy Metals PPB (Parts per billion) will make obtaining usable/drinkable water harder. Also it makes open farming a dubious endeavor as the produce will tend to be poisonous to either the veggies, or in the less worse case turn the food produce poisonous to humans. Note that different Planets have different kinds of heavy metal ratios, some Planets might have a lot of Mercury or Cadmium, which are extra toxic, some might have an abundance of Copper or Zinc, which are less toxic.

5.2.1.24. WATER PH

PH is a measure of acidity and alkalinity. A PH of 7.0 is neutral. A lower PH is more acidic. A higher PH is more alkaline (like soap). Very acidic or alkaline water will pose serious problems with its usability/drinkability.

The main cause of weird PHs is due to the fact that water vapor in the atmosphere will be impacted by the other atmospheric gasses. It could be turned more acid or more alkaline. Causing acid or alkaline rain. Impacting the PH. For example Co2 and So2 tend to turn the water acidic. The Rain PH will then influence strongly the Sea PH and River PH. Though usually interaction with rock minerals will increase the PH towards more alkaline.

5.2.2. TERRAIN

What kind of terrain, Landscape Type, Rivers and obstacles can you find on your Planet?

And how do they impact you?

5.2.2.1. LANDSCAPE MOVEMENT COSTS

The following list shows the Action Point costs for the different kinds of Movement Types for the different kinds of Landscape Types.

LANDSCAPE	FOOT	ARTILLERY	WHEEL	TRACKED	WALKER
Sand Plains	25	50	30	15	20
Sand Dunes	30	55	50	50	30
Clay Plains	25	50	15	10	15
Grassy Plains					
Rocky Plains					
Low Mountains	40	65	50	40	40
High Mountains	60	70	9999	9999	60
Forested Low Mountains	50	70	60	50	50
Marshes	35	60	60	80	80
Tundra	30	55	30	30	30
Savannah	25	50	15	10	15
Forests	25	50	20	20	20
Heavy Forest	30	55	30	30	30
Jungle	35	60	40	40	40
Cloud Forest	40	65	50	50	50
Ruins	25	50	15	10	15
Agricultural	25	50	15	10	15
Snow Variant	+5 / +10	+5 / +10	+10 / +20	+5 / +10	+5 / +10
Glacier	30	55	30	20	25

5.2.2.2. RIVER EXTRA MOVEMENT COSTS

Crossing a River costs extra Action Points.

If there is a Road over a River this implies a bridge and these extra costs do not apply.

RIVER	FOOT + ARTILLERY	WHEEL	TRACKED	WALKER
Small River	+5	+10	+10	-
Medium River	+10	+20	+20	-
Large River	+15	+30	+30	+15
XL River	+20	+40	+40	+20
Frozen Rivers	No effect	No effect	No effect	No effect

5.2.2.3. ESCARPMENTS AND CANYONS MOVEMENT COSTS

Moving up an Escarpment or traversing a Canyon costs extra Action Points.

If there is a Road over these obstacles the extra cost does not apply.

OBSTACLE	FOOT +ARTILLERY	WHEEL	TRACKED	WALKER
Escarpment (upwards only)	+20	+30	+30	+30
Entering a Glacier Hex from a non-Glacier Hex	+20	+30	+30	+30
Canyon	+30	+40	+40	+40

5.2.2.4. ROAD MOVEMENT COSTS

If a Road leads from one Hex to another, the movement cost for the Road instead of any Landscape Type, River Type or Escarpment and Canyon is used.

ROAD	LOGISTICAL TRUCK	LOGISTICAL TRAIN	FOOT	ARTILLERY	WHEEL	TRACKED	WALKER
Dirt Road	10	9999	25	50	10	10	15
Sealed Road	7	9999	25	50	8	10	15
Rail	9999	4	25	50	20	20	20

5.2.2.5. ROAD CONSTRUCTION COSTS

The AP Costs for constructing a Road is calculated with the Road Construction Movement Type. Dirt Road construction costs 20 IP per 10AP. Sealed Road construction costs 50 IP per 10AP. Constructing a Sealed Road over a Dirt Road gives you a -40% reduction on costs.

The Road construction costs in IP per Hex are:

LANDSCAPE / RIVER / RIDGE	AP
Regular	10
Glacier	30
Low Mountain	40
Forested Mountain	50
High Mountain	60
Ridge	20
River	10-40
Canyon	40
Swamp	20

5.2.2.6. LANDSCAPE TYPE HIDE SCORES

Different Landscape Types provide different Hide Points for the Troops present.

LANDSCAPE TYPE	HIDE SCORE
Sand Plains	0
Plains	0
Rocky Plains	0
Low Mountains	30
High Mountains	50
Marshes	0
Forests	30
Heavy Forest	40
Rain Forest	50
Cloud Forest	60
Forested Low Mountains	40
Tundra	0
Glacier	0
Savannah	10
Ruins	20
Agricultural	0

5.2.2.7. LANDSCAPE TYPE ENTRENCHMENT

Different Landscape Types provide different maximum and automatic Entrenchment points to your Troops.

LANDSCAPE TYPE	INF + GUNS MAX ENTRENCH	INF + GUNS AUTO ENTRENCH	WALKERS MAX ENTRENCH	WALKERS AUTO ENTRENCH
Sand Plains	50	0	25	0
Plains	75	0	37	0
Rocky Plains	100	25	50	0
Low Mountains	200	100	100	25
High Mountains	250	125	125	37
Marshes	50	0	25	0
Forests	150	50	75	0
Heavy Forest	200	100	100	25
Rain Forest	200	100	100	25
Cloud Forest	200	100	100	25
Forested Low Mountains	250	150	125	50
Tundra	50	0	25	0
Glacier	0	0	0	0
Savannah	125	37	62	18
Ruins	250	125	125	50
Agricultural	125	50	25	0

5.2.2.8. LANDSCAPE TYPE COMBAT MODIFIERS

Especially armored (or Panzer if you like) and motorized forces can run into difficulties in some Landscape Types.

LANDSCAPE	GUNS ATT MOD	GUNS DEF MOD	MOT/PZ ATT MOD	MOT/PZ DEF MOD
Sand Plains			-60%	-40%
Clay Plains				
Grassy Plains				
Rocky Plains				
Low Mountains (grassy)	-25%		-50%	-25%
High Mountains (grassy)	-50%		-75%	-50%
Marshes (grassy)			-50%	-50%
Forests			-50%	-25%
Heavy Forest			-70%	-40%
Rain Forest			-80%	-55%
Cloud Forest			-90%	-70%
Forested Low Mountains	-25%		-75%	-50%
Tundra				
Glacier				
Savannah			-25%	-10%
Ruins	-50%		-50%	-25%
Agricultural			-25%	-10%

5.2.2.9. RIVER COMBAT MODIFIERS

Rivers can be difficult to cross en-masse and reduce offensive effectiveness.

RIVER TYPE	INF ATT	GUNS ATT	MOT/PZ ATT	WALKERS ATT
Small River	-15%	-15%	-20%	-
Medium River	-30%	-30%	-40%	-
Large River	-45%	-45%	-60%	-20%
XL River	-60%	-60%	-80%	-40%
Small Lava River	-43%	-43%	-46%	-33%
Medium Lava River	-53%	-53%	-60%	-33%
Large Lava River	-63%	-63%	-73%	-47%
XL Lava River	-75%	-75%	-82%	-65%

5.2.2.10. SEASONAL FREEZING

Rivers can freeze during winter.

5.2.2.11. OBSTACLE COMBAT MODIFIERS

Escarpments and especially Canyons can be difficult to assault “en masse”. And reduce the offensive effectiveness.

RIVER TYPE	INF ATT	GUNS ATT	MOT/PZ ATT	WALKERS ATT
Escarpment (upwards)	-50%	-50%	-50%	-50%
Attacking into a Glacier Hex	-50%	-50%	-50%	-50%
Canyon	-75%	-75%	-75%	-75%

5.2.2.12. VOLCANOES

On some Planets you'll find active Volcanoes. These do not impact movement or combat, but at a certain technology level they provide you the option to construct an Asset to tap them for Energy.

5.2.3. ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE

As discussed above, Planets can have troublesome atmospheres and, for example, deadly alien microbes. On top of this temperatures could be far below zero. Environmental exposure of your Troops and Populace can have significant consequences if they are not properly protected or situated in a Hex with buildings that can help protect them.

Make sure that the Exposure Levels does not get too high or your Troops will suffer Readiness, Morale penalties and could die.

5.2.3.1. EXPOSURE CALCULATION FOR YOUR UNITS

First of all, there is the temperature that is an exposure danger. There are two other exposure dangers of interest here: Respiratory Hazard and Biohazard. Their base levels correspond with the RHL and BHL statistics of the Planet. The threat these exposure types pose to your Troops can be reduced based on your Troops' equipment and any possible buildings in their Hex. The two tables are cumulative.

TROOPS' EQUIPMENT	RHL MOD	BHL MOD	TEMP ADJUST	RAD MOD
Regular uniform	None	None	+10c	None
Filters	-1*	-1*	+10c	None
Thermosuit	None	None	+40c	None
Filters + Thermo	-1*	-1*	+40c	None
(padded) Envirosuit	-4	-4	+100c	-100 rad
Shield + Envirosuit	-4	-4	+100c	-100 rad
(adv) Combat Armor	-4	-4	+150c	-300 rad
(adv) Battledress	-4	-4	+273c	-500 rad
Vehicle	-4	-4	+273c	-500 rad
Radiation Filter Tech	None	None	None	-200 rad

* If base level is not 4.

PROTECTION BY BUILDINGS	RHL MOD	BHL MOD	TEMP ADJUST	RAD MOD
Active Asset	-4*	-4*	+273*	-400 rad*
Mothballed Asset	-2*	-2*	+50*	-400 rad*
Abandoned but intact location	-1*	-1*	+20*	-200 rad*
Radiation Treatment Center	None	None	None	-400 rad per 10K Populace**
Anti-Radiation Infrastructure	None	None	None	-800 rad per 20K Populace***
Radiation Filter Tech *	None	None	None	-200 rad*

* Lack of Upkeep and damage can modify result. Radiation Filter Tech needs Asset with Upkeep paid to function.

** Means that if you have more Populace/Soldiers using this Asset the effect will be diluted. Level 1 assets help 10K Populace, level 2 help 30K, level 3 help 60K, level 4 help 100K, level 5 help 150K, etc... Order of help given by this Asset Type is: Soldiers first, Workers/Recruits/Colonists after, Population last. These points are shared at Zone Level. Furthermore, this does not help diminish the initial effects of the strike

*** Means that if you have more Populace/Soldiers using this Asset the effect will be diluted. Level 1 assets help 10K Populace, level 2 help 60K, level 3 help 140K, level 4 help 300K, level 5 help 620K, level 6 1260K, level 7 2520K. Order of help given by this Asset Type is: Soldiers first, Workers/Recruits/Colonists after, Population last. These points are on a Hex-per-Hex basis.

5.2.3.2. EXPOSURE LEVEL EFFECTS ON YOUR UNITS

After the adjusted Exposure levels are calculated, the effects are the following:

EXPOSURE	DEATHS	READINESS	MORALE
RHL Level 1		Max 80	90% of Base Morale
RHL Level 2	0-5%	Max 60	80% of Base Morale
RHL Level 3	5-25%	Max 40	60% of Base Morale
RHL Level 4	25-50%	Max 20	30% of Base Morale
BHL Level 1		Max 80	90% of Base Morale
BHL Level 2	0-5%	Max 60	80% of Base Morale
BHL Level 3	5-25%	Max 40	60% of Base Morale
BHL Level 4	25-50%	Max 20	30% of Base Morale
Temperature <0		Max 90	90% of Base Morale
Temperature <-10		Max 80	80% of Base Morale
Temperature <-20	5%	Max 70	70% of Base Morale
Temperature <-30	10%	Max 60	60% of Base Morale
Temperature <-40	25%	Max 45	45% of Base Morale
Temperature <-50	50%	Max 30	30% of Base Morale
Temperature <-60	75%	Max 15	15% of Base Morale
Temperature <-70	100%	Max 0	0% of Base Morale
Rad>50 (lvl 1)		Max 90	90% of Base Morale
Rad>100 (lvl 2)		Max 80	80% of Base Morale
Rad>200 (lvl 3)		Max 70	70% of Base Morale
Rad>400 (lvl 4)	5%	Max 60	60% of Base Morale
Rad>800 (lvl 5)	10%	Max 50	50% of Base Morale
Rad>1600 (lvl 6)	20%	Max 40	40% of Base Morale
Rad>3200 (lvl 7)	35%	Max 30	30% of Base Morale
Rad>6400 (lvl 8)	55%	Max 20	20% of Base Morale
Rad>12800 (lvl 9)	80%	Max 10	10% of Base Morale

5.2.3.3. EXPOSURE CALCULATION FOR POPULACE

Your Population and Workers are subject to the same rules. Just keeping Upkeep for at least one building will keep them safe from RHL, BHL and temperature Exposure (as well as a lot of radiation).

The effects of Exposure in a Zone are applied on a weighted basis, if different Hexes have different Exposure levels. So if you have, for example, an outlying Mining Asset that is operational but in a radiated Hex only the Workers being employed in that Asset will be affected by that radiation.

Radiation is a real danger for your Populace. For each Radiation Level they'll suffer a Happiness Point loss and above level 3 your Populace will suffer casualties due to radiation sickness and burns.

Populace also suffers 2 Happiness Points per RHL, BHL level and each 10 degrees below zero that it is not protected from by modifiers above.

5.2.3.4. EXPOSURE RULES AND FREE FOLK

The Free Folk are never impacted by RHL, BHL and temperature Exposure. They are considered to have adapted habitats, genes, procedures and equipment. However, they are impacted by Radiation, but receive a -500 RAD modifier.

5.2.3.5. EXPOSURE RULES AND COLONISTS OR RECRUITS

Colonists and Recruits will be affected either as Soldiers when in SHQ or as Workers when in Zone.

5.3. ZONES

The Planet is divided in Zones. A Zone is a semi-coherent regional whole that has a single City as its administrative centre.

Although Zones without a City do exist, they are not functional without it. In the case of some Minors or non-Aligned Forces, Free Folk settlements can function as symbolical centres for Zones as well.

5.3.1. ZONE BORDERS

The Zone Borders form automatically upon Founding a new Zone or conquering a City. But you can change the Zone Borders by going into "Zone Borders" Order Mode.

ZONE BORDER EVENT	DURING START OF TURN CHECK-UP	DURING CONQUEST	DURING ZONE BORDER DRAWING MODE	DURING FOUNDING OF A NEW ZONE
Asset Hex change Zone	Becomes part of new Zone (But will be delegated to old Zone because this is considered an involuntary change)	Becomes part of new Zone (unless in construction)	Becomes part of new Zone	All Assets in City Hex of new Zone join New Zone.
Free Folk Hex change Zone	Moved to new Zone	Moved to new Zone	Moved to new Zone	All Hexes that join New Zone have their Free Folk moved to new Zone
Pop and Worker change Zone	Never, you have to use Colonists	Never, you have to use Colonists	Never, you have to use Colonists	Only Pop and Worker working in the Assets in the Hex that is the new City Hex are transferred the new Zone.

You can only change Zone of a Hex using the Order Mode Zone Borders if the Hex has at least 2 Hex neighbours of that same Zone or a City or an Asset of that Zone just next to it.

When a new Zone is founded, or a City is conquered, the newly acquired Zone takes Hexes as its territory up to a dividing line in the middle between it and its neighbouring Zones, but this can be limited as the New Zone will stop extending when it encounters an Asset of another Zone. Any exceptional case rule: Hexes that are cut-off from the old Zone also join the New Zone, but any Assets present there will be delegated to their Old Zone (as their Workers and Population are not moved).

5.3.1.1. AUTOMATIC HEX RE-ASSIGNMENT

The following rules apply when you conquer Hexes by moving Units in (or by successful combat):

- Any Hex conquered will become part of the Zone from which the conquest took place.
- Any Hex without a Zone assigned (or without a land connection through its own Zone to its City) will be assigned to the closest Zone.

5.3.2. CITY

The City is where most of your Populace live. There is only one City per Zone.

Founding a new Zone (and City) can be done by constructing an Asset outside the City with the flag “Found New City” flagged. Once the construction is finished the Asset will become a new City and a new Zone will form around it.

You can also choose an existing Rural Asset and give it the order to become a new City (and Zone) if there are at least 4 Hexes between it and any existing City. This rule is here to avoid City (and Zone) spam.

Founding a new City costs 5 PP either way. Note also that the necessary Workers and Population will switch from the old Zone to the new Zone.

5.3.3. ZONE STATS

A Zone has many kinds of statistics and properties which we’ll discuss here. They can be roughly divided into administrative ones, logistical ones, socio-economic ones, special state ones and Worker-specific ones.

5.3.3.1. SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATS

This is the biggest category. We should start by explaining the exact differences and similarities between Workers and Population.

They are mostly similar; they live in the same kinds of streets and shop on the same markets. The difference is that Population minds its own business and makes its own living (using Private Assets) and Workers depend on you to feed and pay them, for which in exchange they work in your Public Assets. Almost all Stats here apply to both of them, except for Hunger and Happiness, which are measured separately.

City Level

The City Level is an indication of the City’s infrastructure and administration. It does not limit Population, but it does limit the Level that Public Assets can reach.

Private Assets are not limited by City infrastructure and administration.

Without infrastructure you cannot organize complex things, and that is what higher Asset Levels signify.

Since you can only build one Asset of each kind on a Hex, and many Assets can only be built in a City, a low City Level will limit the level of Assets in it. Agricultural and Mining Assets are less limited by City Level as they usually have more Hexes where they may be constructed. It is possible to upgrade the City Level at significant PP cost.

Keep in mind that the City Level can drop if a Zone's Population drops below the relevant threshold. So, for example, a Minor City will downgrade to a Big Town if its Population drops below 50 K.

LEVEL	MINIMUM POPULACE TO UPGRADE TO THIS LEVEL	NAME	MAX PUBLIC ASSET LEVEL	PP COST TO UPGRADE TO THIS LEVEL
1	n/a	Village	1	n/a
2	25K	Small Town	2	5
3	50K	Big Town	3	10
4	100K	Minor City	4	20
5	200K	Major City	5	30
6	325K	Metropolis	6	40
7	550K	Ext. Metropolis	7	50

Populace

The total of your Population and Workers. In some calculations it is used, hence it is mentioned here.

Population

The people that live in your Zone and recognise your Regime as being the legitimate or defacto power. They mind their own business and work in the Private Economy.

Workers

These are also people that live in your Zone, they mingle with your Population, but they work directly for you. You feed them and often pay them as well. They work in the Public Economy.

You can recruit and fine-tune your workforce through calling your Zone Governor and discussing Zone Orders.

Population Happiness

It is better if people are happy as they will be more willing to be recruited as Workers. Low Happiness score might have all kinds of negative

consequences, ranging from negative Zone Events to the Population melting away into the wastelands to join the Free Folk.

Low Happiness will also slowly reduce Population Loyalty. High Happiness will increase Population Loyalty.

Loyalty

Loyalty impacts how willing the Population are to be recruited as military Recruits or Colonists.

It can also reduce Unrest if at sufficient level.

It also influences Cultural Adjustment of the Zones Culture to your Regimes Culture.

Furthermore, low Loyalty combined with low Happiness can trigger the nastiest Zone Events.

Worker Happiness

If Workers are unhappy, they'll leave your factories and rejoin the Population.

Worker Happiness also influences the recruitment success of new Workers.

Furthermore, low Worker Happiness might cause negative Zone Events.

Jobs

The number of jobs available in the Private and Public Economy is specified in the interface. This gives you an idea of if you have surplus or deficit Population and / or Workers.

Private Credits

This is an estimate of the amount of Credits held by your Population. Once it reaches a certain level, the Population will use it to expand their Private Economy. You can help that process by investment in the Private Economy through Zone Orders.

Private Food

This is an estimate the Food reserve of the Population. They'll consume it if there are Food shortages. They'll sell it on the market if it gets too big.

Hunger

This is tracked separately for Population and Workers. If the Hunger score gets too high people will start dying. Hunger also reduces Happiness, especially for Workers.

Workers and Population will try to avoid going Hungry by spending respectively Private Credits or Salary received.

Civilisation Score

This signifies the level of cultural and civilisation development of the Populace of the Zone. It goes up with time if it is lower than the Quality of Life Level. And it goes down with time if the reverse is true.

The higher the Civilisation Score, the quicker Unrest and Danger are reduced. However, the reverse is true for Fear.

Quality of Life (QOL) Score

This signifies the amount of security, facilities and luxuries available to your Zone's Populace. If Quality of Life is higher than the Civilisation Score, it will increase Population and Worker Happiness.

The QOL Score is based on the Security, Education, Entertainment and Health QOL "sub" Scores. It will add up [the average] and [the lowest of those 4 sub Scores] and divide that by 2.

The maximum QOL sub Scores are determined by the Assets in the Zone. They'll slowly climb towards these maximums. A turn of Asset disruption will make them slowly decline. Speed of change here is capped at 10% or 5 points per turn, but will often be below.

QOL Points to QOL Scores

Your Assets produce QOL Points and these determine the maximum of each of the QOL sub Scores. The maximum QOL Score is the QOL Points / City Level.

Governor Skill can increase these maximum QOL sub Scores with the Investigation Skill for the Security Score, the Oratory Skill for the Entertainment Score, the Medical Skill for the Health Score and the Science Skill for the Education Score.

The current QOL sub Scores will move at a rate of 10% per turn towards the maximum allowed by the Points produced.

Regime Average Civilisation and QOL Score

Workers are especially sensitive to their relative position compared to your Workers in other Zones.

If the average Regime Civilisation Score is higher than the QOL Score of the Zone, the Workers will lose some Happiness, if the reverse is true and

Zone QOL Score is higher than the average Regime Civilisation Score, the Workers will gain some Happiness.

Militancy

Your initial Zone will start with a high Militancy score of 100. This score can however drop once your military forces start to depend more and more on Regular (and usually paid) forces or because you are not paying enough attention to Militia requests.

The higher the Militancy Score of a Zone, the larger the force the local Militia the local Population will be willing to field. Each Zone has its own Militia with its own replacement pools.

MILITANCY MODIFIER	EFFECT PER TURN	EFFECT PARTIALLY IGNORED IF CAS IS LOW
Loyalty > 50	0 to +5	-
Loyalty < 25	0 to -5	-
Regular Troops Present	0 to -5	yes
Zone Civilisation > 10	0 to -20	-
Militia Profile > 50	+1 to +3	-
Militia Profile < 50	-1 to -3	-
Zone has other Culture than Regime	Militancy limited to 100 - CAS (Cultural Adaptation Score)	

Other Culture Militias

It is possible for you to acquire Zones and end up with Cultures different from your Regime Culture which have a positive Militancy Score. These Populations might well supply you with more exotic Militia forces.

There is a straight and inverse relation to the amount of (military) Recruits and Colonists you can raise and the activity of the Militia in such a Zone. At one end of the spectrum (CAS 0) their Culture has not adapted at all and you'll have loads of Militia Troops of the exotic Culture, on the other side of the spectrum (CAS 100) you'll have a Militia that is not recruiting anymore and Recruitment of Recruits will equal that of Zones of your own Culture.

Once the Culture of the Zone changes (at CAS 100) Militancy will be allowed to rise again. But it will be a new Militia, your Culture's Militia. Any old, previous Culture, Militia Units will however stay loyal and in the field.

Cultural Adjustment Score (CAS)

Only of interest when the Culture of Zone is different from the Culture of your Regime. In this case a CAS of 0 signifies they have done no adapting at all to your Regime's Culture, and a CAS of 100 signifies they have completely adapted to your Culture. A low CAS means no or little recruitment of Recruits and Colonists. A high CAS means no or little Militia recruitment from the original Culture.

At Loyalty 50, CAS starts going up. At Loyalty 100, you should be able to gain up to 5 points per round.

CAS can only go up if the Zone is under Regular administration (as opposed to being Unincorporated).

Unrest

Ideally you will have none. It signifies social, political or other upheaval upsetting the Populace of the Zone.

Unrest has a negative impact on Population and Worker Happiness (half the effect it has on Population).

Unrest also has a major tendency to cause negative Zone Events. The saying is: Unrest causes more Unrest.

Having Troops stationed in the City will reduce Unrest with each Trooper being able to reduce Unrest of 5 Populace up to a maximum of 40%. So for example a Zone with 50,000 Populace and 5,000 Troops in the capital would reduce Unrest with -20%. Each Security Point also reduces Unrest of 100 Populace up to a maximum 40%.

Fear

If present it signifies the Populace of the Zone are (somewhat) afraid of your Regime.

Fear helps reduce Unrest, but also limits Population Happiness and Worker Happiness (less so). It does not impact the Happiness of Workers, since they are considered to be "Regime employees."

The Fear Score is also the percentage chance your population will suffer a 2d10 Happiness reduction as well as your workers suffering a 1d10 Happiness reduction. However if your Autocracy profile is higher than 40 this reduction will be reduced and nullified at Autocracy-80.

Danger

Ideally you will have none. It is an abstract value representing all kinds of physical, criminal, chemical or otherwise threatening dangers that cause distress or death to the Populace of the Zone.

Danger has a negative impact on Population and Worker Happiness (half the effect it has on Population).

Culture

Not all Zones have the same Culture. Initially each Zone has a different Culture with its own identity, language and customs. In most cases the Culture will transform to the Culture of the Regime owning it if given time (and a switch from Unincorporated to Regular Zone).

5.3.3.2. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

There are quite a number of policies your Governor can implement. Call him/her to discuss Zone Orders.

Emergency Food

You can allow Emergency Food to be distributed to the Population if and only if they run into serious shortages and would face Hunger or Starvation if not fed by you.

Emergency Food will be supplied from the SHQ inventory and without cost to your Logistical Network. No logistical cost because civilian vehicles and transport is presumed.

Signup Bonuses and Worker salary

In order to get more Workers, Colonist and Recruits, you can offer either a sign-up bonus or a different salary pay (in the case of Workers).

Recruitment Limits

In order not to get too many new Workers, Recruits or Colonists you can set limits. In the case of Workers, you can even set dynamic limits setting a specific context-sensitive recruitment policy.

Investment in Private Economy

You can order a specific amount of Credits to be invested in the Private Economy of the Zone each round. It will help the Population's Private Credits to more quickly reach the threshold for a Private Economy expansion (new Private Asset) and it will have a positive effect on Population Happiness.

5.3.3.3. LOGISTICAL STATS

The foundation of your Logistical Network is in the Assets in your Zones. There are 2 kinds of Assets that create and extend your Logistical Network.

Logistical Centers

These are either Private or Public Assets located in the Zone City. They provide that Hex with Logistical Points and Logistical Range that will be projected on and (far) outside it.

Logistical Extenders

These are Public Assets known as Supply Bases. They are cheap and easy to build. They extend the Logistical Range of the Logistical Centers. But if the pipeline reaching the Supply Base is already exhausted it will not magically be increased, it will just be extended further than otherwise in its current state. Extension is not cumulative.

5.3.4. ADMINISTRATIVE STRAIN

Nothing forces you to create new Cities (and thus more Zones), but if you have Rural Assets further away than 6 Hexes from the Zone's City they will start to give your Zone problems in the form of Administrative Strain.

The formula for Administrative Strain is: $(\text{For Each Asset Beyond Distance } (((\text{Distance}-6)/6) * \text{Asset level} * \text{production\%}) / (\text{All Other Assets} * \text{Asset Level} * \text{production\%}))$. Administrative Strain is capped at 100%.

In the above calculation, Private Assets count for half of that of Public Assets. Mothballed and Closed Assets do not count, just Asset that are producing.

If your current Administrative Strain calculation result is higher than your Administrative Strain percentage, then the Administrative Strain will increase by up to 10%, or decrease by up to 10% if it is lower. The experienced Administrative Strain thus tends to seep in with time. The effect is gradual.

Administrative Strain denotes the inability of management, support and facilities to be everywhere at the same time. The larger the distances of the Zone's Assets, the more of a strain distance becomes.

Strain causes a negative effect on the Governor's bonus. For example, if the Governor bonus is +30% and Administrative Strain is 20%, the Governor bonus would be reduced to +10%.

Administrative Strain works in granular decile blocks. 0-9% has no effect and should thus be considered a warning. 10-19% gives a 10% penalty, 20-29% gives a 20% penalty, etc.

The remedy to combat Administrative Strain is to create a new Zone around the Asset that is the furthest away so that the Assets remaining with the original Zone are now closer to its City and the strain is thus relieved.

5.3.5. COLONISTS

Through issuing “Zone Orders” to your Governor you can start recruiting Colonists. If you pay them a sign-up bonus, they’ll be more likely to sign-up. Furthermore, keep in mind you’ll have to feed your Colonists waiting at an SHQ for their settlement destination.

Once sent to a target Zone they will be able to join either the Workforce or the Population. You’ll be able to choose. Use the Colonize Order in the Order Tab to do this.

If the Population of the target Zone is different from that of your People, they will influence the Cultural Adjustment Score (CAS) positively in your favour. Upon recruiting Colonists from a Zone with a different People, they’ll be considered to be the ones that have already adapted to your Culture. This also means that a Zone that is of a different Culture than your Regime and has a low CAS will not give you as many Colonists as a Zone with a high CAS.

If your Populace is suffering casualties from Exposure, expect it to be a lot easier to recruit Colonists and Military Recruits.

5.3.6. RESOURCES

Each Hex can have resources that you can exploit if you build an appropriate Asset on the Hex. Resource Hexes can have Scavengeable Ruins or Mining Reserves. Ice and snow Hexes can be used to mine Water.

5.3.6.1. HEX PERKS

Some Hexes have a special perk. These Perks model things that are out of the ordinary and present in the Hex. It could be a derelict spaceship that will help your research, a reclusive hermit that will teach your Governor or a house of pleasures to keep up the Morale of your Troops. Just controlling the Hex will give you the benefit of the Hex Perk.

5.3.6.2. TREASURES

When expanding your Regime and taking non-Major Hexes with Free Folk or Hex Perks on them, you'll have a chance to find Treasure. Treasure includes Items, Galactic Republic Grade equipment and Credits.

5.3.6.3. SCAVENGE-ABLE RUINS

These can be exploited by constructing an Asset that can scavenge. Once the Scavenge Points are depleted, it is over and no more Items will be scavenged from this Hex.

5.3.6.4. ARCHAEOLOGY

Your Tech level is much lower than the Tech Level the Planet had before the Dissolution War.

It has just been a few hundred years and there is still plenty of opportunity to find Artefacts in the rubble of the old Galactic Republic.

Archaeological Finds

Hexes with Scavenge Points may hide useful Artefacts, known as Archaeological Finds, although only a small number of Hexes actually contain buried treasures.

If an artifact is available to discover in a Hex, there's a 1-4% base chance of striking it lucky each turn, with rarer and richer finds more difficult to excavate than common artefacts. Scavenging Assets on the Hex add +1% per level to this discovery chance. Once the Scavenging Points on a Hex drop below 1,000, the Archaeological Find discovery chances drop dramatically.

Excavating

Once an Archaeological Find has been made you can excavate it.

Excavating is done by normal Scavenging or Recycling Assets. For every X points scavenged on a Hex containing an Archaeological Find you'll have a chance to find an Artefact. The chance will be noted in the Interface.

Furthermore, the following chances to find Machinery and Hi-Tech Items apply:

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIND	FIND HI-TECH ITEM	FIND MACHINERY ITEM	FIND ARTEFACT
Very Rare	1:250	1:100	Differs per Hex
Rare	1:500	1:100	Differs per Hex
Uncommon	1:1,000	1:250	Differs per Hex
Common	1:2,000	1:500	Differs per Hex

Artefacts

When an Artefact is found, it will become available to you as a Stratagem.

5.3.6.5. MINING

You can find different kinds of mineable deposits in Hexes.

Prospecting

You'll need to Prospect to find raw resources. You'll know some Deposits at the start, but hidden Treasures remain buried. Prospecting is done by one of the Tasks of the Economy Council.

Governors can give a bonus on Prospecting efforts of the Economic Council that are taking place in their Zone.

Governors can also discover new Resources on their own, using their Prospecting Skill.

Once a deposit is discovered it can be mined. Knowledge of its presence will be known by almost all local Populace and thus also to foreign powers that have recon on the Hex.

Keep in mind that the Economic Council can produce the Prospecting Push Stratagems.

Mining Reserves

Each Deposit has a limited number of Items that can be mined before further mining becomes impossible and the mine is closed. This amount varies from Deposit to Deposit.

Natural Mining

There are also some Landscape Types that act as natural Resource sources. Notably Glaciers and Snow Landscapes that allow you to do Water mining.

Mining Ease

Not all mines produce the same number of Items per turn. Some Hexes are harder to mine than others. The level of Mining Ease is indicated for each known Deposit and varies from Deposit to Deposit.

5.3.7. GOVERNOR

You can assign a Governor to each Zone you own. They will administer the Zone and make sure everything runs as smoothly as possible.

Absence of a Governor

Not having a Governor will cause some administrative chaos and consequently a -50% penalty on production of Public Assets. However, it will not impact the Private Economy.

Corrupt Governor

A corrupt Governor will embezzle public investment funds and extort personal taxes from the Population.

5.3.8. FREE FOLK

Free from your direct rule are the people who remain hidden in the vast lands each Zone represents. Do not forget each Hex covers an immense space. These Free Folk mind their own business and are basically inert. However, they can pose a source of Population growth or a sink for Population leaving you.

You can see their settlements on the map.

5.3.8.1. POPULATION GROWTH FROM FREE FOLK

If your Population is not Hungry and Happiness is greater than or equal to 50, then a small percentage of the Free Folk will join your Population. The higher the Happiness, the more Free Folk will join you.

If your Population has a negative cash flow, not enough Food or is Hungry, there will be no Free Folk joining you.

Free Folk will not join you either if there are any substantial Population losses from Exposure Levels in your Zone.

5.3.8.2. POPULATION MELTING AWAY

If your Population Happiness and Loyalty are both lower than 25, then a small percentage of them will join the Free Folk. If there is also Hunger, then an additional and more substantial percentage of them will join the Free Folk.

This effect will be further increased when there are substantial losses from Exposure Levels.

5.3.8.3. FREE FOLK MIGRATIONS

If there are more Free Folk in one Zone than a neighbouring Zone, a small percentage of the more populous Zone will move to the less populous Zone. The City Level has a strong impact on Free Folk migrations. Free Folk will tend to move into Zones with higher City Levels since there is more opportunity to enjoy a higher standard of living, or for some opportunity for villainy, “bottom feeding” and trading.

Having a high City Level (and a good Population Happiness and Loyalty) compared to the surrounding Zones is a good way to boost your Population levels.

Free Folk will flee Zones where they are suffering losses from Exposure.

Free Folk will not migrate overseas.

5.3.9. WAR IMPACT

There are two war impacts that can affect your Zones: there is the short-term casualty impact and the long-term casualty impact. Casualties represent brothers, fathers, children, etc... excessive casualties hurt the Happiness and Loyalty of your Populations and Workers.

Although some military losses are expected by the Populace, at a certain threshold of casualties, people are going to feel the sacrifice in life is becoming too great.

5.3.9.1. LONG TERM CASUALTY EFFECTS

Last 20 rounds average of casualties are calculated (t-1,t-2...,t-20) and if this average is higher than the Casualty Tolerance of $0.5\% + (\text{Fist Profile} / 66)$ then there is a drop in Happiness and Loyalty. As a rule of thumb, the Casualty Tolerance will be around 1%.

5.3.9.2. SHORT TERM CASUALTY EFFECTS

Last 3 rounds average (t-1,t-2,t-3) of casualties are calculated and if this average is higher than the Casualty Tolerance of $1\% + (\text{Fist Profile} / 33)$ then there is a drop in Happiness and Loyalty. As a rule of thumb, the Casualty Tolerance will be around 2%.

5.3.9.3. CIVILIANS IN THE FRONTLINE

The Danger Score of a Zone will go up if Enemy Units are close to producing Rural Assets or the Zone City itself. The closer they are to those crucial places the bigger the Danger increase will be.

Danger only goes up if it will be equal or below to 2 times the increase.

5.3.10. DEMOGRAPHICS

There is natural Populace growth, but this growth is quite slow. Natural population growth is positively modified by Fertility of the Culture of the Zone and the Health Score. It is negatively impact by a high Civilisation Score.

5.3.11. CONQUEST

A Zone will come under control of the Regime that occupies the Hex with the City.

5.3.11.1. WHEN?

Once you take over the City of a Zone, the Zone it is still not yours and will be designated as a “Zone in Conquest” during the remainder of your turn.

After you press Next Turn, order will be imposed and the conquest of the Zone will be made official and actually implemented. At start of next turn you’ll also receive a Vidcom message and if it is the first time you have conquered the Zone, a Fate Stratagem Pack as well.

5.3.11.2. SOME SPECIAL RULES FOR ASSETS INVOLVED IN ZONE CHANGES

Upon conquest, Supply Bases and Assets still under construction are removed. Assets which for some reason find themselves outside any Zone will disappear if they are still under construction and otherwise will start to suffer Damage.

Any HQ Assets that are not in a City Zone will be replaced by Bureaucrat Offices.

5.3.11.3. CONQUEST EFFECTS

The moment you conquer a Zone:

- Happiness and Loyalty are inverted. So a Happiness of 80 would become a Happiness of 20.
- Depending on the resulting Happiness levels, some Workers will disappear immediately into the general Population.
- Population might flee the Zone in a refugee wave.
- Any Assets under construction are lost immediately.
- The Zone will start as an Unincorporated Zone.
- Militancy might drop, and the Militia Pool might disperse.
- You will be awarded a free Fate Stratagem Pack (4 Stratagems) if the Zone conquered has at least 20% of the Populace of your current Regime or more. If less than 20% there is still a chance linear with the percentage. Note however that you'll only receive these the first time you conquer a specific Zone.

5.3.11.4. REGULAR AND UNINCORPORATED ZONES

You'll start the game with only Regular Zones, but conquest will give you an Unincorporated Zone.

An Unincorporated Zone has a certain level of independence and it is not fully integrated with your other Zones.

Unincorporated Zones have the following different rules:

- You still receive Service Tax from the Zone.
- You do not receive Private Asset Tax from Private Assets. Private Assets thus do not provide you with any Items.
- The Zone Stats do not impact your Regime Stats, like your Popularity or Civilisation Level.
- No Sales or Income Tax will be imposed.
- Regime casualties have no impact on the Population Happiness and Loyalty.
- No Recruitment of Colonists or Recruits is possible, but you can still recruit Workers.

- No Cultural Adjustment will take place.
- Unincorporated Zones have double the Happiness growth up to 75 points, compared to Regular Zones.

You can order an Unincorporated Zone to become a Regular Zone at any moment you like. Just call your Governor to discuss Zone Orders.

In general, it is a good idea to leave a conquered Zone Unincorporated for a while, either to get Population Happiness restored as quickly as possible or to ensure you keep benefiting from the option to use their possibly unique Militia forces.

5.3.12. RECRUITMENT

You can recruit Workers, Recruits (military) and Colonists.

5.3.12.1. WORKER RECRUITMENT

Ideally you can recruit up to 5% of the Population per turn. However, this percentage is modified for:

- Population Happiness
- Worker Happiness (if any)
- Difference between Private Credit earnings and Worker Salary

5.3.12.2. COLONIST RECRUITMENT

Ideally you can recruit up to 5% of the Population per turn. However, this percentage is modified for:

- Population Loyalty
- The Heart Regime Profile
- Difference between Private Credit earnings and Colonist sign-up bonus

If your Populace is suffering casualties from Exposure, expect it to be a lot easier to recruit Colonists or Military Recruits.

5.3.12.3. RECRUITMENT OF RECRUITS

Ideally you can recruit up to 2.5% of the Population per turn. However, this percentage is modified for:

- Population Loyalty (counts a lot!)
- The Fist Regime Profile
- Difference between Private Credit earnings and Recruit sign-up bonus

- Possible Recruitment Penalty caused by Events
- Recruitment Penalty goes down by 10% every round.

If your Populace is suffering casualties from Exposure, expect it to be a lot easier to recruit Colonists or Military Recruits. People will actually want to get out of the Zone!

5.3.12.4. LOSING WORKERS

Workers can leave your employment whenever they desire so. They will do this to some measure when Worker Happiness is lower than Population Happiness. They will leave in droves if you do not feed them (due to Food shortages) or fail to pay them their promised Salaries.

5.3.12.5. LOSING COLONISTS AND RECRUITS

The only way to lose them is if you do not have enough Food to feed them.

5.3.12.6. DISBANDING RECRUITS

You can always disband Recruits, but only into the Zone where their SHQ is present.

5.3.12.7. CULTURAL DIFFERENCES IMPACT

You'll have the best result recruiting Colonists and Recruits from Zones where the Populace are from your own Culture.

If the Culture of the Zone is different, you not only face the regular difficulty of persuading people to leave their home and face danger, but also to adapt and embrace your Regime's Culture.

If the Zone has Populace that do not have the same Culture as your Regime, the result of these recruitment efforts is modified by the "Cultural Adjustment Score" which can be between 0 (no recruits) and 100%.

5.3.13. LAND-BASED TRADERS

Land-based Traders are an amalgam of small teams, little rogues, companies and clans. They are fragmented because not much capital is necessary to get set up for trading. A small truck and a little manpower will do. These Traders, though fragmented, are tied together by intricate personal networks. They'll be present on markets in civilized and less-civilized lands, they'll organize trade caravans between Zones and Regimes. You can get revenue from your

land-based Traders by imposing Sales Tax and/or Import Tariffs. Traders usually ignore borders with Minor Regimes, but you need to have a Trade Relation with a Major Regime in order for your Traders to trade efficiently with the Traders on the other side of the border.

Traders trade with Major Regimes, the Private Economy and each other.

5.3.13.1. TRADE AREAS

A Trade Area consists of one or more land Zones that are connected within the same Regime. All Zones within the same Trade Area have the same Price Points for buying from, and selling to, Traders.

5.3.13.2. INTER-TRADER TRADE

Traders from different Trade Areas will trade with each other. This way Items can make it from one side of the world to the other side. Due to the diffuse nature of the Trader networks, it can take several rounds or many more for a transfer on one side of the Planet to have an effect on the other side. This inter-Trader trade is subject to Trade Tariffs (set by Major Regimes) when it crosses borders.

Direct trade between Major Regimes is limited to 12.5% of ideal volume if they do not have an official Trade Deal. If however they have this Trade Deal all is done at full efficiency. If the two Major Regimes concerned are at war the resulting Volume is halved, so things can get as low as 6.25% of ideal volume.

The volume of direct Trade with Minors and unaligned Trade Areas is reduced. It is between 12.5% and 50% between a Major and a non-Major. 50% if they are at peace, 25% if the relation is unclear and 12.5% if they are at war.

Two non-major doing direct Trade are always at 25% of ideal volume.

The above percentages clearly show that Major Regimes help trade volume because they are better organized and provide more protection and infrastructure. They also show that without any deals signed the borders of Majors are less porous.

Trade cannot pass at all through Zones that are controlled by very uncivilized aggressive Cultures because these Zones will actually not have any Traders present. This is because the occupants of these Zones will tend to eat, maim or enslave such Traders, as well as prey upon any passing Trader caravans.

These Cultures are: Slavers, Rogue AI, Nomads, Arachnids and Mutants. Note that non-aligned Zones will have Traders.

To determine if an actual trade is interesting the local Market price ($\text{buy} + (2 * \text{sell price}) / 3$) of the buying Trade Area will be compared to the local Market price (sell price) of the selling Trade Area. This results in the local buyer's price and the local seller's price. If the local buyer's price is higher than the local seller's price the buying Trade Area will try to make a deal.

Most interesting trades will be considered before less interesting trades. For example Trade Area A will prefer spending its Credits on buying Metal that is 5 times cheaper elsewhere over buying Machines that are only 2 times cheaper elsewhere.

If a Trade Area is based in a Major Regime it will use the Commerce Bonus of that Regime. If the buying Trade Area has a higher Commerce Bonus this will result in a real lowering of the local seller's price. If the selling Trade Area has a higher Commerce Bonus this will result in a trick lowering of the local seller's price, tricking the buyer into making a deal and discovering too late that the real price is actually higher.

If a Trade Area is based in a Major Regime Tariffs might apply to import/exports. If Import Tariffs are in place in the Buyer's Regime it will lower the local buyer's price. If Export Tariffs are in place in the Seller's Regime it will increase the local seller's price.

If after modifications the local buyer's price is higher than the local seller's price a deal will be struck between the Trade Areas. The actual Deal Price agreed upon will be somewhere between the local buyer's price and the local seller's price.

Extreme price differences will skewer the price towards the local seller's price. This effect kicks in if the local seller's price is more than 3 times lower and becomes more pronounced as the ratio increases.

The side with the highest Commerce Profile will furthermore be able to influence the Deal Price the most towards the most advantageous price for them. A deal is finally struck with a specific Deal Price and Credits and Items are exchanged.

After this deal The buying Trade Area pays Import Tariffs over the Deal Price to its Regime and the selling Trade Area pays Export Tariffs over the Deal Price to their Regime.

5.3.13.3. PRICE POINTS

Trade Areas have two Price points per Item: Buy Price and Sell Price. You'll find these in the Trade Window when you attempt to trade with your Trade Area. These prices are however also used in Inter-Trader Trade.

Trade Areas will have Price points based on the size of the cumulative Trader stocks versus the Populace in the Zones they are active in. The Price points will also be based on the history of local sales. Short term history tends to weigh more heavily for the Traders than long term history.

Also if the Traders are not selling anything it will decrease their Buy Price point and the amounts they are willing to buy.

If a certain Item is in plentiful supply and the Buy Price drops below 0.1 Credit or if the Traders have plentiful stocks they'll not be interested in buying such an Item at all. Of course they'll still be interested in selling such Items, but at a price that covers their operations.

If the Trade Area's Major Regime has a Commerce Bonus it makes the Trader's Buy Price edge up closer towards their Seller Price.

5.3.13.4. TRADER INVESTMENTS

As time goes up imbalances in Credit quantities between the Trade Areas will appear. Once these get too pronounced the Traders of richer Trade Areas will invest in poorer Trade Areas. What happens to these investments (and especially the quid-pro-quo) is all black-box for now, but in the future might very well be expanded upon.

Note that Maritime Traders (MTH) will take the relation they have with a Regime into account to adjust their level of investment in Land-based Traders.

5.3.13.5. PRIVATE ECONOMY

Any dealings with the Public Economy are done through you directly buying or selling Items to the Traders through the Trade Window.

However the Private Economy, without your consent, will deal with the Traders as well.

Notably any Food shortages by either your Population or your Workers (if you do not have the Food available for them) will be resolved by buying Food from Traders (if the Credits are available).

The Zone Private Economy will buy other Items from the Traders too and will do so in the following cases:

- When the Population spends Credits on Luxury Products & Services they will buy the Items necessary for them from the Traders.
- When the Population spends Credits on constructing Private Assets it will buy the Items necessary for them from the Traders.
- When the Population actively spends Credits on luring Free Folk to their City they will buy the Items and services necessary to bribe the Free Folk from the Traders.

In all these above cases the Credits will be used to buy Items at the current Sell Price of the Traders. These Items will be considered consumed. The type of Items being bought by the Private Economy depend on the Tech Level of the Regime. Up to Tech Level 3 it is mainly Oil, Water and Food. On Tech Level 4 and 5 it starts to include a sizable chunk of Metal and Rare Metals as well as more Oil. On Tech Level 6 and higher it also includes Machines, High-Tech Parts and Radioactives. These Private Economy purchases can significantly influence the Price points of the different Items.

The Private Economy has to buy at market prices as well and high prices of the required items might make it much more expensive to for example construct Private Assets and can incur significant Private Debts. Traders will sell at lower prices if market prices are really high as sales are often made to private families and enterprises that are partially controlled or in the same family as the local traders. (there is a fuzzy boundary between traders and population, traders actually exist somewhere halfway between free folk and population).

Note that the Private Economy can also sell excess Food, privately mined Metals and Oil to the Traders.

Also note that the salaries earned by Workers and Leaders will be spent in the Private Economy and through the Private Economy (see all the discussed above) will at some point cycle back to the Traders.

5.3.13.6. TRADERS WANT TO HAVE FUN TOO

The Traders don't have an easy, nor (often) a safe life. They work hard and their objective is to enjoy the fruits of their labor. This happens every round as they consume a very small percentage of their stocks. It requires higher

Tech Levels of their Regime for them to consume Rare Metals (level 4), Machines (Level 5), High-Tech Items (Level 6) and Radioactives (Level 7) however. The quantity of this consumption of each Item is maximized to (very) roughly the Population & Free Folk in their Trade Area divided by 100. This consumption models them eating, drinking, even feasting, paying for services, recruiting new staff, as well as the construction of a plethora of consumable Luxury products to keep their happiness up.

5.3.13.7. TRADER TREASURES AND THE MONETARY CONSTANT

The Traders also play a role in keeping total Credits in the system close to the Monetary Constant. Once too many Credits enter the system compared to total planetary Populace, the Traders will start putting part of their Credits in Trader Treasures (and thus taking those Credits out of circulation). Furthermore, they'll start decreasing the price they are willing to buy Items for. When too few Credits remain in the system, the Traders will start scavenging their Trader Treasures (and thus putting more Credits in circulation).

5.3.13.8. TRADE RELATIONS

You need to have trade relations with a Major Regime in order for your Traders to trade efficiently with them. If you have a Trade Deal with another Major Regime, the Traders of both Regimes can do business directly. If you have a "Free Trade" pact then any tariffs you might have set are overruled and nullified.

5.3.13.9. CAPTURE AND TRANSFER OF TRADER INVENTORY

If one Trade Area's Regime (or MTH) captures the last Zone of another Trade Area it will also capture all its inventory. When a big land Trade Area gets split up in two pockets the original Trade Area will continue in the most important pocket, while a new Trade Area will be formed in the smaller (pockets). Note that Credits and Inventory will be distributed pro-rata (with a heavy emphasis on Workers, and then Population, and then Free Folk).

5.3.14. TAXATION

There are some standard taxes that give you income. These are the Service Tax and the Private Asset "Tax". These you cannot raise or lower, but you can set and impose Income and Sales Taxes, as well as Tariffs.

5.3.14.1. SERVICE TAX

This is a standard tax paid by all Population in any Zone. Even if you are doing a lousy job ruling the Zone, or you did not even appoint a Governor... you are still providing basic enforcement services and minimal administration.

For these services you provide to the Populace, a fixed amount of Service Tax is charged.

Expect the following Service Tax income:

- 20% of Private Credits income generated by Private production and the Hidden Economy.
- 6% + (1% per Regime Tech Level) of Pop/100 in Industrial Points (IP).
- 1.5% + (0.5% per Regime Admin Level) of Pop/100 in Bureaucratic Points (BP).

5.3.14.2. INCOME TAX

Paid by Population when they earn Credits by Private Asset production, the Hidden Economy, Selling Food or by Workers spending their Salary in the Private Economy.

Rate can be set using Stratagems of the Interior Council.

5.3.14.3. PRIVATE ASSET "TAX"

Part of the production of some Private Assets like Farms goes directly to you. This is basically due to the fact that, in some part, your staff or personnel are helping in the efforts of the Asset. Its also custom to pay the Lord a share. This "Tax" is also known as the "Due". You can clearly see on each Asset what is produced for you and what is produced for the Private Economy.

5.3.14.4. SALES TAX

Paid by Traders when they sell Food or other Items to the Population.

Rate can be set using Stratagems of the Interior Council.

5.3.14.5. IMPORT TARIFFS

Paid by Traders from your Zones when they buy goods over the border.

Rate can be set using Stratagems of the Interior Council.

5.3.14.6. EXPORT TARIFFS

Paid by foreign Traders when they buy goods in your Zones.

Rate can be set using Stratagems of the Interior Council.

5.3.15. ZONE STATS INTERACTIONS

An overview of how some of the Zone Stats influence each other.

CONDITION	EFFECT
Civilisation > QOL	Reduce Pop Happiness and Civilisation
QOL >= Civilisation	Increase Pop Happiness and Civilisation
Unrest present	Decrease Pop Happiness Reduce Worker Happiness (half)
Danger present	Decrease Pop Happiness Reduce Worker Happiness (half)
Fear present	Decrease Unrest
Fear present	Limits Pop and Worker Happiness
Loyalty > 50	Decrease Unrest
Moderate Pop Happiness >50	Increase Pop Loyalty
Low Pop Happiness <25	Decrease Pop Loyalty
Loyalty > Happiness	Decrease Loyalty slightly
Happiness > Loyalty	Increase Loyalty slightly
Time goes by	Decrease Fear, Danger and Unrest
Unincorporated Zone	Higher Pop Happiness rise
Income Tax	Lower Pop Happiness rise

5.3.16. ZONE EVENTS

Having certain statistics at low (or high) levels can have consequences in terms of certain Events being triggered.

These fall in the main categories of Population Unrest Events, Worker Unrest Events, Danger Events and Rebel Events.

High Health, Culture and Security scores can help protect you against some of these Events.

5.3.17. REBELS

Things can get so bad your Population and/or your Leaders might rise up against you.

5.3.17.1. REBEL FORCES

Rebel Forces have their own Regime that mirrors your Diplomatic Relations with other Regimes. Except for the fact that their Regime is also at War with you.

Rebel Units are considered to have their own hidden methods of supply using a covert Logistical Network, much like Militia, except for the fact that they do not need a supply source to connect to.

Rebels might come from very different backgrounds, with very different motivations. The thing that unites them is their joint struggle against you.

5.3.17.2. REBEL MANPOWER

Rebel Manpower is Population and Workers that are ready to pick up arms whenever they are activated by Rebel leadership. Rebel Manpower can grow through serious Unrest events like Agitator or Independence Rally. Once Rebel Manpower reaches a sufficient size, a new Rebel Unit is activated.

At the moment Rebel Manpower numbers are hidden from your view.

5.3.17.3. REBEL SUCCESS

Once Rebel Forces actually conquer a Zone, they will form a new Minor Regime. This Minor will be at war with you as the founders have not magically forgotten about what happened before.

5.3.17.4. REBELLION BY LEADER

Disgruntled Leaders, especially those of the ambitious kind, might join the Rebels and raise forces (or subvert Units).

The chance of it happening and the amount of Population and Workers supporting the Rebellion will depend on the Population Loyalty.

When it concerns a rebelling Commander, the Units in her/his chain of command might join the Rebellion and low Unit Morale will expedite this.

In general, it is a bad idea to have an ambitious and disgruntled Governor in a Zone that lacks Loyalty. This kind of Rebellion is a direct attempt to

take the Zone City with popular support from the Populace. It either fails or succeeds immediately.

5.3.18. ZONE INVENTORY AND LOGISTICS

Each Zone has its own Items Inventory in its City. All Public Assets take Items from it or deliver to it.

For Assets outside the City, there needs to be a number of Logistical Points present on the trajectory from the Asset to the Hex. For Public Assets, 100 Logistical Points per highest Asset Level in the Rural Hex, for Private Assets half that.

5.3.18.1. INVENTORY

The Inventory can consist of a myriad of Items that serve different uses. It can be inspected in the Bottom Items Tab.

5.3.18.2. MAXIMUM STORAGE

Some Items have a maximum storage amount. For some of these, this maximum can be expended by constructing specific storage Assets that provide Storage Points.

Before Items above Maximum Storage are simply lost, your local minions will try to sell them to the Traders.

Basic Maximum Storage Points are:

ITEM TYPE	BASIC MAXIMUM STORAGE POINTS
Water	$250 + (\text{Zone Populace} * 3) + \text{Free Water Prod.}$
Food	$250 + (\text{Zone Populace} * 3)$
Fuel	$250 + (\text{Zone Populace} * 3)$
Ammo	$250 + (\text{Zone Populace} * 3)$
Energy	$(\text{Zone Populace} * 0.5)$
IP	$250 + (\text{Zone Populace} * 3)$
Metals, Rare Metals, Radioactives	Unlimited Storage
Machines, Hi-Tech Parts	Unlimited Storage
Recruits, Colonists	Unlimited Storage

5.3.18.3. SHQ LOGISTICS

Each Zone can be assigned to a, if you want, different SHQ. This is important since SHQs are what connects your Zones into a larger public economy.

SHQ Storage

Any Storage Points not used at Zone level will be used by the SHQ the Zone is assigned to.

SHQ Deliveries

If a Zone is missing certain Items for production or construction, they will be requested from its SHQ and be sent over if possible. If the SHQ is on a different Hex than the City than this will use and consume Logistical Points.

SHQ Pick-ups

If a Zone has stockpiles of Items that will not be used for immediate production or construction, they will be picked up by the SHQ to be added to the SHQ Inventory. Another Zone or Unit might need them. If the SHQ is on a different Hex than the City this will require and consume Logistical Points.

5.3.19. PUBLIC ECONOMY

The Public Economy envelops your Workers and all Public Assets that are directly and fully under your control.

Almost all these Public Assets need certain Items and Workers to produce. The Items will be taken or delivered from or to the Zone Inventory. Furthermore, your Workers need to be fed and usually paid at least something. For that to work in case of an Asset outside the City, there needs to be an uninterrupted Road with Logistical Points through friendly territory from the Rural Asset to the City of the Zone. See Zone Logistics further above for more information.

5.3.19.1. WORKER POINTS

Almost all production and construction of Public Assets requires Worker Points. Each Worker equals 1 Worker Point.

5.3.19.2. PRODUCTION PENALTY

Some Zone Events, like a strike of your Workers, can cause Public Asset production penalties. This penalty signifies the percentage of production reduction.

Rule detail: Note that to avoid a very small penalty (like 1%) leading to construction time increasing with a full turn a random roll is made for those small percentages to see if no penalty is applied or 50% penalty is applied. Also when it concerns production of very low quantities and a small penalty a similar mechanism is used.

5.3.19.3. PRODUCTION LIMIT

Public Assets can have their production limited via your orders. You can choose between full, 75%, 50% and 25% production. If you want 0% production, you'll have to Mothball the Asset in question.

5.3.20. PRIVATE ECONOMY

The Private Economy concerns what your Population is doing. It is almost completely beyond your control, although you can tax it and/or help it along. Here is a quick overview of Private Economy In and Out flows:

INCOME	EXPENSES
Private Assets Credits production	Buying Food
Hidden Economy (first 10K pop)	Buying Luxuries* (through buying Resources)
Worker/Leader/Soldier Spending	Buying Assets* (through buying Resources)
Selling Private Food/Metal/Water/Fuel	Buying Free Folk settlers*
	Service Tax
	Income Tax

*=If the Private Economy is in debt it will repay debt before buying these

5.3.20.1. PRIVATE ECONOMY CAN STIMULATE MARKET

The buying and fabrication of Luxury products and services creates a demand for Items with the Traders and allows prices to go up over time (and for Major Regimes gives the opportunity to profit from this by selling).

All Tech Levels create demand for Food, Water and Fuel.

Tech Level 3-9 also creates demand for more Fuel, but also Metal and Rare Metals.

Tech Level 7-9 also creates demand for Machinery, Hi-Tech Items and Atomics.

The same goes for the construction of Assets. To build the Private Assets, the Population buys Items and services from the Traders.

Note that the Private Economy will pay market prices for the Items needed to for example construct Assets. This can lead to incurring Private Debts.

5.3.20.2. PRIVATE ECONOMY CONTRACTION

If disaster strikes or if your Regime is recruiting big loads of Workers, Recruits or Colonists, the Population might shrink so much it will start to have less Population than Private Jobs. At some point the Private Economy will start Mothballing and Closing down Private Assets if this happens. Once expansion starts again the Private Economy will favour re-activating those Mothballed or Closed Assets above constructing new ones.

5.3.20.3. HIDDEN PRIVATE ECONOMY

Even if there are no Private Assets in the Zone, stuff is still going on in the Private Economy. It is just not very visible for the player.

It is important to understand that every Zone must have something of at least some Economic interest that is rare and has a high benefit to any really small Population exploiting it.

Small Populations (several thousand or less) earn some Credits by dealings with the Free Folk, scavenging, brigandage, swashbuckling and various other activities such as escorting Traders. These activities make up the Hidden Private Economy and allows small Populations to buy Food and save-up credits.

This effect tapers off quickly as the Population gets larger. No large Population can survive solely from these kinds of rare opportunities and small scale activities.

The design goal with these rules is to allow a small Population to survive if no Private Economy Assets have yet been constructed.

Some Assets like Bunkers and Logistical Assets need only half those Logistical Points. Farmsteads only need a third.

If Governor makes Admin Skill roll above 70 more Credits will be earned.

5.3.20.4. SALARIES SPENDING IN THE PRIVATE ECONOMY

Workers usually receive a salary. Since they are already “fed” by you as a basic payment, they’ll spend their salary in the Private Economy. The same goes for your Soldiers, Recruitment Bonuses of Workers and Colonists and your Leader salaries.

Note that Workers and Soldiers will spend in the Zone they are present in, though both will spend (partly) elsewhere if not enough Population in Zone. In the latter case, we'll assume Traders will help out bridge the distance.

Note that Leaders will spend their salaries throughout the Regime and thus in multiple Zones, as they are presumed to have many dispersed interests and hidden endeavours.

If a Corporation is active in your Regime, they'll also spend their Credits in the Private Economy, just like the salaries are spent.

5.3.20.5. POPULATION MIGRATION

If Population can find a better Private income in another Zone, they'll be tempted to migrate. Also, if Worker Jobs are available with a better income in a neighbouring Zone, they'll be tempted to migrate.

This means that once, for example, you have founded a brand-new Zone with almost no Population, but you start constructing Assets and looking for Workers (offering a good salary) there will be Population from neighbouring Zones that will move in.

If you have a Free Movement deal with another power, Population will also move over borders, as if there were friendly Zones on the other side. With a Free Trade deal this is for 25% the case, as borders already become slightly porous, but with lower trade deals or no trade deals, Population will not be allowed to move over the border.

If CAS is low, that Population will not migrate, or much less so.

QOL, Unrest, Danger, Private Credits reserves and Loyalty are also taken into account, as well as modeling some people just liking certain outback Zones (randomness).

Population will also migrate if they are suffering losses from Exposure Levels (and in that case will even ignore to some degree the CAS level as well they will ignore closed borders with other Regimes if in fear of their very lives).

Population will not migrate overseas.”

5.3.20.6. PRIVATE DEBT

Private Trade Debt (to Traders) and Private Tax Debt (to Regime) can be incurred by the Private Economy.

5.3.21. ZONE MERGE

You can call your Governor to discuss a Zone Merge. When doing a Zone Merge two Zones will merge into one Zone. This order is meant to join small insignificant Zones to bigger ones and avoid an unmanageable Zone count. The Zone merging into another (and thus disappearing) must have a City, must have lower Populace than the target Zone, must have its City within 12 Hex of the target Zone's City and must not be your Capital City. Furthermore Zones with City Assets cannot be merged into another, you'll first have to Disband any such Assets. There are special rules for merging Zones with different Cultures and doing this will result in the merging Zone losing Populace and might even result in a rebellion. Note though that if the Populace of the Zone to disappear is much smaller than that of the target Zone, the chance for rebellion is much reduced. Also imperfect Loyalty will cause the merging Zone some Happiness loss, so will moving workers into a Zone that has lower salaries.

5.3.22. BUNKER POINTS

Asset levels provide 5-12 Bunker Points per level. This makes urban and industrial centers a bit easier to defend. Specialized Bunkerization Assets provide orders of magnitude more Bunker Points and can be constructed anywhere. Bunker Points reduce structural damage done to their Hex. Each Bunker Point halves one Structural Damage Point. Also Bunker Points give an entrenchment bonus to the defending Troops in the Hex: 10 Bunker Points give 1 Subunit (100 soldiers for example) a 25% bonus on its entrenchment. Note however that Bunkerization does not protect against Radiation: For that you need to build Anti-Radiation Infrastructure.

5.3.23. HOUSING

Social Housing Assets and Worker Apartment Assets can be constructed after acquiring the Housing Tech (#11), generating Social Housing Points and Worker Apartment Points respectively.

Comfortable shelter is a luxury few can afford in a post-apocalyptic world and building these Assets provides +2 happiness for a grateful Population. Workers receive +4 happiness as their apartments are more luxurious and

spacious compared to the rather spartan Social Housing your Population must endure. If there is an excess of either type of accommodation Asset, then homeless Population or Workers will be housed in the excess regardless of type (but see the special rule on Workers in Social Housing below).

The nomadic Free Folk are often attracted to the security that stable housing provides. If 50% or more of a Zone's Population are housed, Free Folk settlement rates increase, with this effect doubling when 100% are fully housed.

Housing likewise affects Population migration between Zones, with migrants favouring Zones with more Social Housing. The difference between each Zone's percentage of housed Population acts as a modifier to their movement from one Zone to another. When at maximum, with a difference of 100% between the original and target Zones, migration to the target is increased by a factor of 4, and decreased by a factor of 4 if the difference is -100%.

Workers housed in Worker Apartments are highly unlikely to quit their jobs. At its maximum effect when all Workers are adequately housed, the number leaving your service each turn is divided by 16.

New Workers are recruited at an increased rate when between 50-100% of a Zone's Workers are housed, by up to a maximum of a factor of 4.

Note that Workers housed in Social Housing will be less happy than those in proper Worker Apartments, contributing only 25% of the normal benefit towards the effects listed above.

5.3.24. MAKESHIFT ZONES

It is possible to create Makeshift Zones on Hexes without a Zone (the so called "No Zone" Hexes). However as nothing is present to base the new Zone off this is more expensive than regular Zone creation. The cost is measured in PP, Credits and either freeFolk or Soldiers. A Makeshift Zones can be created closer to an existing city (needs to be only 3 hexes away instead of 5 for a regular Zones, or even without condition if it concerns a small island of 16 Hex or smaller).

This seemingly minor addition will give you more flexibility in special cases as well as open up a large number of possible new strategies concerning expansion by airlift.

Note this new feature uses the same "new Zone" button as for creating a regular Zone, but when a "No Zone" Hex is selected.

5.4. CULTURES

Every Regime and Zone belongs to a certain Culture. The Culture of a Zone can through the Cultural Adaptation Score (CAS) join its new owners Culture. A Regime's Culture will never change.

5.4.1. MAJOR REGIME CULTURES

Player controlled Major Regimes will always have a Culture that is of the mixed kind. AI controlled Major Regimes will have a Culture that belongs either to the Militarist, Republican or Theocratic kind.

5.4.1.1. MIXED

This Culture is used by Human players. It's a Culture that had many infusions of different kinds of people and is yours to guide. Behaviour depends on the Human player's actions and responses.

5.4.1.2. MILITARIST

This Culture is used by Major Regime AIs. It is a Culture formed from a violent past. It is likely a few decades ago that the Militarist Culture in question was just a Minor Raider Regime. However, things have moved on and not all Leaders of this Culture resemble their forefathers.

No Militarist Culture will ever ally with you.

They'll usually be autocratic and have a politbureau.

Isolationists

These guys resemble a light version of the most violent of the Expansionists. However, they'll be hesitant to go to war unless they feel they have a firm advantage. They are also unlikely to stoop as low as to engage in blackmail.

Expansionists

Almost the most aggressive guys in the game. They'll be very unlikely to become your Friends and will be eager to go to war, even if they are actually weaker than a potential target of their hostility. If they are not actually driving their tanks into your territories, they'll be quite likely to try to blackmail you. War is the keyword for them.

Federalists

These guys are actually quite agreeable by Militarist standards. They don't see military conflict as the sole form of conflict resolution. Hence you can actually get them to become Friends. They tend to focus more on Research than the other Militarist Factions.

5.4.1.3. REPUBLICAN

This Culture is used by Major Regime AIs. It is generally a Culture formed from more peaceful people. Usually they are strongly focussed on farming. But they have power now and what they'll do with it is not necessarily peaceful.

Only the Syndics Faction will never ally with you.

They'll usually be democratic and have a parliament.

The Realpolitikers and Corporatists are the only AI Factions that are willing to go as far as to sign a Victory pact with you.

Realpolitikers

The Faction with the most reasonable guys in the game. They just want to keep the peace and prosper without going to any extremes. Even though they are not aware of it, in many ways they most resemble the old Galactic Republic in their spirit. You'll have a good chance to build a solid relation with a Regime led by this Faction.

Syndics

These guys are ideological and they hark back with their crazy ideas all the way back to the days of the Dissolution War. They'll have no qualms about deciding that you are an enemy of the people and declaring war on you. They are not very rational.

Corporatists

Profit is what counts for this Faction. They'll focus on the economy and rational analysis to determine if war will bring them profit or losses. They might be very friendly with you if they have something to gain from it, or if they feel weak compared to you. They are not held back by any morals and will have no qualms in blackmailing you if they think they can.

5.4.1.4. THEOCRATIC

This Culture is used by Major Regime AIs. It is generally a Culture formed from traumatic experience way back in the past. Usually they are strongly focussed on farming. But they have power now and what they'll do with it is not necessarily peaceful.

Only the Crusaders will never ally with you.

They'll usually be meritocratic and have a senate.

Doctrinists

The Faction with guys that are averse to change. They just want to keep power and safeguard religious doctrines. They are perhaps an ugly lot, but as a neighbour you could find worse. They can move in many directions and will not be biased by religious considerations when dealing with the outside world.

Crusaders

These guys are the most crazy and ideological of all you can encounter. They can go to war for religious reasons. They will not make good calculations or use much rationality in geopolitics as they believe God will guide them to victory. As an infidel, you deserve only one thing in their eyes. Prepare for war if this Faction is your neighbour.

Humanists

Priests turned philosophers. They are unlikely to be eager to go to war. They will be open to any offer of friendship from your side. Though of course their humanity should not be taken for granted.

5.4.2. MINOR REGIME CULTURES

There is quite a diversity of the kind of Cultures you can encounter where it concerns Minor Regimes. Some of them might even be non-human.

Some Cultures have specific Sub Cultures with their own specificities.

5.4.2.1. RAIDERS

The tough bunch. They are as aggressive as they are undisciplined. They can threaten you, attack you and generally make themselves a pain. They'll eventually field some tough Militia Units. Better clean them up before they get stronger.

Usually it is quite hard to bend their Populace to your Culture once (and if) they are conquered.

Scavengers

A subculture of the Raider Culture Group. These are similar to Raiders but less aggressive. They tend to focus on low intensity scavenging and as such expect some recuperated GR Tech used by their Militia's.

Warmongers

A subculture of the Raider Culture Group. These are similar to Raiders but even more aggressive. They live in a cult of worship of the physical body and strength. They glorify warfare and will be eager to engage you. They are known to have trained War Dogs fighting among their hordes. They are more likely to go to war quickly and they'll prove difficult neighbours in the early game.

5.4.2.2. FARMERS

The inverse of the Raiders, if any. After high technology started failing these people turned to farming to ensure their survival. They managed to build a small and stable economic base that allowed them the stability to survive. They often have a sizeable defensive Militia to keep them safe from rogue elements. Being a farmer in times of anarchy is not exactly a job cut out for a pacifist. They'll usually be quite eager to accept your protection, but will fight if provoked. You are likely to find more of these Minors on Planets that had agriculture as a fallback after the Galactic Republic broke down.

Guardians

A subculture of the Farmer Culture Group. These are similar to Farmers but have happened to find themselves with a treasure chest of still functioning GR technology. Note that these Guardians use some GR Tech, but do not understand this Tech, nor can they reproduce it. Their Militia Infantry will be slightly weaker than that of regular Farmers, but will be reinforced with some GR Tech.

Confeds

A subculture of the Farmer Culture Group. These are similar to Farmers but they went through a phase of conflict with other Farmer Zones and eventually installed a Confederation that united several small Farmer Zones.

Expect Confeds to have higher Populace levels as well as a higher level of Militia mobilization. They also tend to have good subunit officers (Unit Feat).

5.4.2.3. SLAVERS

The Slavers are even worse than the Raiders, but usually occupy very poor Zones and do not have large armies. They might have superior equipment at the start of the game though. If they conquer a Zone, they'll slowly diminish the Population by selling them as Slaves. Doing this swells their ranks with new Troops that they'll buy with their profits. Slavers do not do diplomacy, but they might make demands.

5.4.2.4. SURVIVING AI

These machines (normally low-level Sentinels) are still under control of an autonomous AI mind that somehow survived the Dissolution War. This can be a very tough foe to face early in the game (if many Sentinels survive). However, due to their programming, they usually only become aggressive once you reach Tech Level 4. Searching them out might still be a bad idea though... you never know with ancient machines, right?

Furthermore, when they enter human lands they will kill everybody, irrespective of whether they are civilians or combatants. Trying diplomacy with them is completely impossible.

5.4.2.5. NOMADS

These guys resemble Raiders, but they have no home and they live like the Free Folk. Only difference is they are more organized and they have some organized large fighting forces. These might pose a challenge for you, but that is relatively unlikely. Nomads are rather savage and will not be very likely to engage in Diplomacy. Last but not least, the usage of some native or once-upon-a-time imported beast of burden enables the lifestyle of these people and you'll probably encounter some cavalry Units when doing combat with them.

Roaders

A subculture of the Nomad Culture Group. These are similar to Nomads but more mechanized and they have an unhealthy obsession with controlling the road networks and using motor vehicles.

Mercanteers

A subculture of the Nomad Culture Group. These are similar to Nomads but more peaceful and focussed on helping their Traders, at which they are actually very apt. This usually causes more trade to flow through their Zones. Due to their close and synergetic cooperation with the Traders they levy a small capital tax on the Traders, that are more than willing to pay it, to finance their Militias

5.4.2.6. RELIGIOUS FANATICS

A Minor that is usually hostile to diplomacy and crewed by fanatics. They have high Morale and will rarely retreat from combat. You are likely to find them on Planets where surviving the aftermath was especially tough and unspeakable acts took place. These grim dark ages gave birth to the priests that today still lead these Fanatics.

5.4.2.7. ARACHNIDS

During the Galactic Republic era domesticated Arachnids were present on many Planets as they were able to produce the raw materials needed to produce Starlace fabric, an ideal material to produce advanced heat shields for the re-entry into the atmosphere of spacecraft. After the Dissolution War many domesticated Arachnids starved in their pens, but as they are quite clever, on most worlds, at least some of them managed to escape and they went Feral.

In their Feral stage there can be some reproduction, but it is only when the Arachnids reach their Hive stage (or higher) that they'll get a Queen and get some serious reproduction going.

Diplomacy is impossible, and they'll kill any humans (civilian or military) they can get their hands on. In fact the kills will help them spawn more Arachnids.

Feral Arachnids / Regular Arachnids

A group of escaped Arachnids that went feral. Note that these Ferals have not yet reached the Hive-stage and are still relatively harmless.

Hive Arachnids

A group of Ferals has given birth to an Arachnid Queen. Note that these Hives have a tendency to grow fast and they can advance into unaligned territory. They'll have Defendrix caste Arachnids to complement their forces.

Swarm Arachnids

An Arachnid Hive in a more advanced stage is called a Swarm. It will have an Arachnid Queen as well as some Champion(s). Note that these Swarms will be able to invade Minors. They'll have Defendrix and Dominatrix caste Arachnids to complement their forces.

Nexus Arachnids

An Arachnid Swarm in a more advanced stage is called a Nexus. It will be able to declare war on Majors as well as Minors. It will have an Arachnid Queen as well as some Champion(s). Note that these Swarms will be able to invade Minors. They'll have Defendrix, Dominatrix and Exterminatrix caste Arachnids to complement their forces. They'll be able to get a second Queen that will fission from the main Hive (needs to occupy 2 Zones for this to happen).

5.4.2.8. MUTANTS

Nominally Human, but they have been warped by genetic weaponry. They do not do Diplomacy, they tend to massacre human civilians if they get their hands on them and they reproduce relatively quickly. However, they are physically weak, especially when under attack.

Mutants have the following subcultures, in order of threat level: Ferals, Beastmen, Devils. They are similar in behavior to regular Mutants, but they are stronger.

5.4.2.9. HUNTERS

You'll only find these guys on Planets that have edible Alien Lifeforms. They reverted to a mode of hunting-gathering to survive after the Dissolution War. When you encounter them they'll usually be relatively small in Population size, but beware as they adapt to the times and can grow rather large Militias. Furthermore, they can have a high fertility rate. Their infantry Militia forces are quite tough in combat, especially if you are facing them in forested Hexes. They are usually open to diplomacy, but one Clan might differ from another.

5.4.2.10. ALIEN NATIVES

It is possible that xenobiological evolution on this Planet has given birth to intelligent life. If this is the case you might find some Minor Regimes that are organized alien native regimes.

LIFEFORM CLASS	ALIEN NATIVE CLASS
Sponge Coral Mollusc Squid Jelly	Cephaloids
Worm Blather	Vermoids
Crustacean Arachnid	Insectoids
Reptile	Reptiloids
Mammal	Felines

Alien natives act much as other non-city minors as Slavers or Nomads. They can declare war on you and interact with you through events. They might want things from you or just be curious... or worse... You can actively initiate diplomacy with them through the Xeno Diplomat Stratagem (generated by the Foreign Affairs Council). It is possible to recruit mercenaries from them or get them to join your regime.

Their Trooptype strength depends on the non-sentient lifeform they evolved from as well as their technology level.

5.5. ASSETS AND PRODUCTION

Whether it concerns Public or Private Assets, the core rules for construction and production are the same. It is just that in the case of Private Assets, items produced mostly flow to the Private Economy, instead of to your Zone Inventory.

5.5.1. MANAGING YOUR ASSETS

Private Assets will appear and be managed by themselves, but if you want Public Assets you'll need to construct them.

5.5.1.1. PRE-REQUISITES

There are only a limited number of Assets that you can construct without any conditions.

Levels

Most Assets can level up. However, this is conditional on the City level of the Zone and the Tech, Admin and Civilisation Levels of your Regime.

The maximum level you can level up to is that of the City Level for Public Assets. Private Assets levels are not limited by City Level.

Depending on the kind of Public Asset, whether it is Administrative, QOL related or Productive respectively, the Regime Admin Level, Civilisation Level and Tech Level determine the maximum Asset Level. Private Assets are not limited in this way.

Pre-existing high level Public Assets that are above your maximum level can be barely tolerated; just imagine the Workers or Population in that Asset do not fully understand how to get to such a level, but are able to follow established practices and existing manuals to use the machinery and maintain it. There is a 10% chance every round such an Asset loses a level.

5.5.1.2. CONSTRUCTION

To expand your Public Economy, you need to order new Assets to be constructed.

Construction usually takes several turns, every turn a number of Worker Points and Items will be consumed. If not enough of either are available, then delays will be incurred.

Keep in mind that during construction you'll also have to pay the Upkeep Cost of the Asset. This is partly done to avoid unfinished constructions never degrading if construction stalls.

For Private Assets there is no need for a Logistical connection during construction.

Dirt Road to a construction Site

In order to start construction at least a Dirt Road has to be present. You might be obliged to pay some Industrial Points upfront to render the construction site accessible. The interface will notify you if this is the case.

Cancelling construction

You can always cancel construction as long as the Asset is not yet finished. If you do so, you'll recover half the Items you've used so far, except of course

for the Worker Points. Any Dirt Road that was constructed will not be able to be cancelled.

5.5.1.3. UPKEEP & DAMAGE

Almost every Asset, whether Active or Mothballed, will need some Upkeep. Upkeep takes Worker Points. It is the kind of work that keeps the Asset in a proper and well-maintained state, ready for use again when needed.

If there are insufficient Worker Points to perform the Upkeep, the Asset will take up to 100 Damage Points.

At $(200 * \text{Level})$ of damage, the Asset will stop being productive.

Above this threshold, each excess point will translate to a 0.1% chance to lose the Asset due to irreversible structural damage.

Damage also has negative effect on production.

Furthermore, damage can also be taken during combat in Hex. The amount depends on the Structural Damage Points of the Troop Types used in combat. Artillery is more likely to do damage than infantry and, for example, nuclear weapons tend to do much more damage than artillery.

5.5.1.4. PRODUCTION

If an Asset is in Production Mode it is producing. Production requires input Items. If all Items are available then output will be at maximum. However, if fewer are available, output will decrease proportionally.

Keep in mind that Upkeep is done before production. And if you have fewer Workers than Jobs needing to be done, it might be wise to close some of your Assets. It is more economic to have full production from some Assets, than little from all.

You need 100 initial Logistical Points per Level (non-cumulative) to the Hex of the Asset for full production. Missing Logistical Points can make production drop all the way to 0%. For Private Assets only 50 initial Logistical Points per Level are required and if Private Assets are missing initial Logistical Points production their production can be reduced down to 50%.

5.5.1.5. ASSET DELEGATION

Only Rural Public Assets that are directly under your control can be delegated.

These Rural Assets can be delegated to other Zones than the one in which they find themselves. This allows a certain flexibility in the wide open lands between the Cities of the Zones.

Keep in mind that Zone Delegation too far away can cause Administrative Strain for the Zone you are delegating too.

A delegated Asset can not be upgraded to the next Level. Delegation is an emergency measure and for structural assignment it is better to change the Zone borders.

5.5.1.6. MOTHBALLING

If you Mothball an Asset, it means you stop production. However, Upkeep requirements will continue. A Mothballed Asset can be switched back to Production Mode at any point.

Mothball mode can also be used to repair without spending production costs for severely reduced production potential of a specific Asset.

5.5.1.7. NATIONALIZING

This is a way to turn a Private Asset into a Public Asset. It can only be done with certain types of Private Assets, notably: Logistical, Farming and Mining ones. Furthermore, you'll have to pay indemnities to the Private owners and on top of that it causes a Happiness drop.

5.5.1.8. DISBAND ASSET

Assets can be disbanded level-by-level at some PP cost and allow you to recuperate 33% of the construction items (except IP). Note that disbanding Private Assets will incur a drop in Population Happiness and will return the recuperated Credits to the Private Economy.

5.5.1.9. DEPLETED ASSET REMOVAL

Mines get removed once now reserves are left and Mining Ease Level is at level 1. Not that Water Mines however do not get removed as they might also be harvesting snow/ice during certain seasons.

Scavenging Assets get removed once no more Scavenge Points are left.

Organic Furnaces get removed once no more Trees in range for its next level.

5.5.2. OPEN FARMING RULES

Agricultural Dome Assets function much like your Industries. Make sure you have the needed Worker Points and Water and Food will be produced. It is very much a contained system.

However, Open Farming is exposed to the Environment and this impacts its production.

5.5.2.1. ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFIERS

The following modifiers are imposed by the Zone weather and Planetary conditions. These modifiers are different depending if you are farming with Terran or alien (Xeno Farming) crops.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION	TERRAN FARMING
Biohazard Level 1	-10%
Biohazard Level 2	-30%
Biohazard Level 3	-60%
Biohazard Level 4	No harvest
Radiation Hazard Level 2	-50%
Radiation Hazard Level 4	-75%
Radiation Hazard Level 9	-90%
Acid Rain PH 4	-20%
Acid Rain PH 3	-40%
Acid Rain PH 2	-60%
Alkaline Rain PH 9	-10%
Alkaline Rain PH 11	-45%
Alkaline Rain PH 12	-75%
Dissolved Heavy Metals in Soil, 200 PPB*	-25%
Dissolved Heavy Metals in Soil, 600 PPB*	-50%
Dissolved Heavy Metals in Soil, 2000 PPB*	-75%
Dissolved Heavy Metals in Soil, 5000 PPB*	No harvest
TAATL (atmosphere) Level 1	-10%
TAATL (atmosphere) Level 2	-30%
TAATL (atmosphere) Level 3	-60%
TAATL (atmosphere) Level 4	No harvest
Temperature below 0c	No harvest
Temperature between 0c-10c	Limited harvest
Temperature between 35c-60c	Limited harvest
Temperature above 60c	No harvest

*=Parts per billion

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION	XENO FARMING
ANTL (alien nutrition) Level 1	-10%
ANTL (alien nutrition) Level 2	-30%
ANTL (alien nutrition) Level 3	-60%
ANTL (alien nutrition) Level 4	No harvest
Radiation Hazard Level 2	-50%
Radiation Hazard Level 4	-75%
Radiation Hazard Level 9	-90%
Temperature below 0c*	No harvest
Temperature between 0c-10c*	Limited harvest
Temperature between 40c-60c*	Limited harvest
Temperature above 60c*	No harvest

* These temperature ranges can differ from Planet to Planet since alien plants might have evolved special adaptations to hot or to cold weather.

With high Hazard Exposure Level the construction costs for Assets go up. Roughly for every 10 metals or rare metals needed for construction extra IP per Hazard Level will be added as Surplus Cost to ensure their will not be any pressure loss. Note that the extra IP is not linear, once the protective systems have been put in place, things are basically done. This means that cheaper Assets will have a higher metals:Surplus IP ratio than more expensive Assets.

5.5.2.2. AREAL

Open Farming has a big advantage over Domed farming in that it will expand its Areal to neighbouring Hexes. Although a single Hex (200x200km!) is more than large enough to support a very large number of farmers the choice picks of land are always rare. That is why, with time, an Open Farming Asset will develop activities outside its own Hex where choice picks of land are still available. Areal also represents the range in which operations are taking place, not only the amount of operations.

Each Areal Hex gives a +5% production modifier. An Areal Hex can only be used by one Asset at a time. Usually an Areal Hex is assigned to the closest agricultural Asset.

Every turn there is a 25% chance the Areal will be expanded.

Maximum distance range between an Areal Hex and an Asset is 3 Hexes. The Hexes in question must be accessible through Friendly Territory.

With full Areal (ideal terrain around assumed) around an Asset it will have almost 36 Hexes of Areal. Which will mean almost 200% production bonus. This is the true big advantage of Open Farming over time.

5.5.2.3. WHEN TO USE DOMED FARMS?

If temperatures, drought, biohazards, incompatible atmosphere or alien crops that are not digestible limit your options for Open Farming, you'll have to revert to Domed Farming.

It is more expensive to construct, but it does reduce Water usage and provides stable harvests in all seasons.

Note that the Planetary Report will give you free advice on what kind of farm it is best to build.

5.5.3. DOMED FARMING RULES

Domed Farms are huge agro-buildings that allow the farmers to grow plants in a completely isolated environment.

Farming in the domes is not impacted by for example outside radiation, acid rain, dissolved heavy metals in the Planet's soil or temperatures. On very dry Planets where you just don't have the water to irrigate open air farming you'll find the Domed Farms much more economical with Water.

Note though that Domed Farms are more expensive to construct and also use Energy, especially due to cooling/heating if temperatures outside the dome are either really cold or really hot.

Agricultural Dome Assets function much like your Industries. It is food production within a contained system. If environmental conditions outside are not good, agricultural domes are the way to go. Note though that they are more expensive in construction costs and operational costs, but they use less Water as it will be recycled within the closed system of the domes.

Open Farming on the contrary is exposed to the full spectrum of the planetary's environment and this could (severely) impact its production.

5.5.4. SCAVENGING RULES

You can find scavengeable Items in Ruins Hexes. Build an appropriate Asset in such a Hex and you can extract Items as long as Scavenge Points remain in the Hex.

Rich Scavenging Area Rule

You'll get +25% extra Scavenge Items for each scavengeable Hex directly around the Assets Hex.

5.5.5. WATER RULES

On some Planets, you do not need to worry about Water as lakes, Rivers and rainfall will be plentiful.

On others, Water management might really merit your attention.

On some Planets, Water scarcity will be a serious issue. If it concerns a Private Asset, Water is assumed taken care off by local and small-scale water collection, trade, storage and or natural rains.

If it concerns the Public Economy, the Water need of the Asset is determined by the Asset Input requirements, but can be modified by plant genetics and the temperature.

Earth plant life uses less Water if temperature gets lower, though at some point starts to have reduced harvests as well in low temperature Hexes.

Alien plant life can be different from earth plant life if it has evolved special adaptations.

5.5.5.1. ASSET BASED WATER COLLECTION

Open Farming Assets will use any rain* 2 in the current round and use it as free Water input for farming activities. So if it rains the equivalent of 400mm/year during a turn it means 800 Water is already considered supplied to the Open Farm. On top of this every Areal Hex outside its Asset Hex will add rain/2 per hex to the free Water input for farming activities. Any remaining requirement will be taken from the Zone Inventory.

Other Assets are able to produce Water. Notably Ice Mines, Water Purification Assets and Wind Traps.

Note that the efficacy of Snow Mining depends on the actual centimeters of snow cover. if only 1 cm of snow then the mining operates at -90%. At 100cm it operates perfectly. At 50cm if operates at -30%.

5.5.5.2. FREE WATER INCOME

There are some sources of easy collection.

SOURCE	WATER QTY
Zone touches any Minor River*	250*
Zone touches any Medium River*	500*
Zone touches any Major River *	750*
Zone touches sea / Lake	2,500*
Zone touches any Extra Large River*	1,500*
Highest rainfall hex	mm/y this turn

*=For sources that are not rain: If multiple coastline edges or river edges then the square root of their total is used as a multiplier for their type of river or sea/lake. This count of the edges does not require Populace to be present. In the end only the best non-rainfall source in the Zone is going to be used.

For all sources the free Water income of a Hex is decreased if less than 50K Population present in Hex or less than 10K Worker. For example: 25K Population & 5K Worker will not cause any decrease. If no Populace at all in a Hex then that Hex will not provide any Free Water Income.

Note that Frozen Rivers only count for half of the free Water.

There are thus limits to free Water collection, even if it is plentiful. If you want more Water collection you'll have to construct some collection Assets (Ice Mining, Wind Traps or Water Purification).

Total Zone free Water collection cannot be larger than your Populace in the Zone. So for example a Zone with only 5K Populace can max receive 5K Water.

5.5.5.3. WATER EXTRACTION ASSETS

The Water Purification Installation is the Asset that will give you the most bang for the buck. It needs to be placed next to a Lake or sea Hex.

For Planets without open Water, you might want to consider building Wind Traps if there is some trace of Water vapour left in its atmosphere.

Ice/Water deposits can sometimes be found underground as well and can be mined by constructing the Ice Mine.

Glaciers and Snow Landscapes are also open to Ice Mining. However, keep in mind that Glaciers give a much superior return compared with Snow Landscapes.

5.5.5.4. WATER EXTRACTION MODIFIERS

The following table shows up to what % different Water collection methods are impacted by environmental factors. Note that the percentages notify up to what % the specific modifiers are taken into account.

COLLECTION METHOD	WATER SALINITY	WATER ACIDITY/ PH	RAIN ACIDITY/ PH	HEAVY METALS IN WATER	HEAVY METALS IN SOIL	SNOW COVER THICKNESS	RADIATION
Rain Collection	-	-	100%	-	-	-	100%
Underground Water Mining	-	-	-	-	66%	-	-
Snow Mining	-	-	75%	-	-	100%	100%
Glacier Mining	-	100%	-	100%	-	-	-
Wind Traps	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%
River/ Sea Water Collection	100%	100%	-	100%	-	-	75%
River/ Sea Water Purification	75%	75%	-	75%	-	-	75%

In the bottom right of the Map Screen you can get mouse over info on the Water Quality or Rain in the Hex info panel to get detailed info on Sea, Glacier, River, Snow or Underground Water Quality.

5.5.6. ITEM TYPES

This section will discuss Item Types in detail, including what each Item Type is and where you'll need it for during the game.

5.5.6.1. ITEM TYPE LIST

Let's take a look at all Item Types in the game.

Fuel (also known as Oil)

Usage: Fuel is used by Mechanized and Motorized Units. Without it they'll lose mobility. Fuel can also be used by Power Plants that turn it into Energy.

Production: Oil resource Hexes can be found and mined if Planet has had a history of organic life. Otherwise it will need to be synthetically produced.

Metal

Usage: Metal is used for a variety of Asset construction tasks as well as almost all Troop Type production.

Production: Metal resource Hexes can be found and be mined. They are more abundant on Planets with more heavy cores.

Rare Metals

Usage: Rare Metals are used for construction of more advanced Assets and Troop Types.

Production: Rare Metal resource Hexes can be found and be mined. They are more abundant on Planets with more heavy cores.

Water

Usage: Water is used by your Agricultural Public Assets. Without Water you will not be able to produce Food.

Production: Water will be collected free of charge if your Zone has rainfall, lakes or Rivers.

Food

Usage: Food is consumed by your Workers, Colonists, Recruits and Soldiers. Without it they will starve.

Production: Food can be produced in Agricultural Assets.

Industrial Points (IP)

Usage: Like Metal, Industrial Points are used for a variety of Asset construction tasks, as well as almost all Troop Type production.

Production: Is produced by Industry Assets.

Recruits

Usage: Recruits are needed to produce or raise new Troops.

Production: They can be recruited in your Zones.

Ammunitions (Ammo)

Usage: Ammo is expended by your Troops when they do battle. Without sufficient Ammo, their performance will be much reduced.

Production: You can produce it by expending Metal and IP Items.” to “You can produce it by expending Metal and IP Items, or by constructing Ammo Factories.

Colonists

Usage: Colonists are needed to found new Cities or to increase the Population of existing Zones.

Production: They can be recruited in your Zones.

Machines

Usage: Machines are used for construction of more advanced Assets and Troop Types.

Production: Is produced by Heavy Industries.

Hi-Tech Parts

Usage: Hi-Tech Parts are used for construction of more advanced Assets and Troop Types.

Production: Is produced by Hi-Tech Industries.

Radioactives

Usage: Radioactives are used to fuel Nuclear Plants and to produce Atomic Weapons or fuel Fusion Engines.

Production: Is produced by Radioactives Mines.

Energy

Usage: Energy is used by more advanced Assets as well as some advanced Troop Types.

Production: Energy will have to be produced in Power Plants or by Solar Panels.

5.5.6.2. ASSETS' ITEM USAGE

Here follows a list of all Assets you can construct.

Most Assets use a small amount of Energy and some Workers as Input.

To keep the list readable, these two inputs are only specified in the list below if the quantity needed is really high.

ASSET TYPE	CONSTRUCTION COST	INPUT	OUTPUT
Farming	Metal + IP	Water	Food
Mining	Metal + IP		Metal Rare Radioactives Fuel Water
Recycling	Metal + IP		Metal Rare Radioactives Fuel Artefacts
Industry	Metal + IP		IP
Heavy Industry	Metal + IP	Energy Metal	Machines
Power Plant	Metal + IP	Fuel	Energy
Hydroponics	Metal + IP	Water Energy	Food
Truck Station	Metal + IP	Fuel	Logistical Points
Supply Base	Metal + IP		Logistical Extension
Wind Traps	Metal + IP		Water
H2O Purification	Metal + IP		Water
Bio-Fuel Ref.	Metal + IP	Food	Fuel
Synthetic Fuel Refinery	Metal + IP	Energy	Fuel
Solar Panels	Rare Metals + IP		Energy
Power Banks	Rare Metals + IP		Storage Points
High Command (From Bunker to Palace)	Metal + IP		BP PP
University Hospital Barracks Vidcom Station	Metal + IP		Quality of Life Score Points
Ammo Depot Fuel Depot Food Silo Water Reservoir	Metal + IP		Storage Points
Ammo Factory	Metal+IP	Metal	Ammo
Organic Furnace	Metal+IP	Forests	Energy
Scavenging Furnace	Metal+IP	Energy	Scavenge Points
Serpentization	Metal + IP	Water	Energy
Methane Synth.	Metal + IP	Energy	Fuel
Deep Core Gas	Metal + IP		Fuel
Atmospheric H2O synthesis	Metal + IP	Energy	Water
Rock dehydrate	Metal + IP		Water
Soil Demetalization	Metal + IP		Metal Rare Radioactive
Volcanic Energy	Metal + IP	Water	Energy
Rail Station	Metal + IP + Machines	Fuel	Logistical Points
High Speed Rail Station	Metal + IP + Machines + Hi-Tech	Energy	Logistical Points
Nuclear Plant	Metal + IP + Rare Metals	Radioactives	Energy
Rad.Cleansing	Metal + IP + Rare Metals		Remove RAD from Hexes
Hi-Tech Industry	Metal + IP + Machines	Energy Rare Metal	Hi-Tech Parts
Bureaucrat Off.	Metal + IP		BP

5.5.6.3. FOOD ASSET TYPES

The following Assets produce the following Food at ideal circumstances at level I.

ASSET TYPE LEVEL I	INPUT	OUTPUT
Open Farming	1,000 Water	200 Food
Domed Farming	200 Water 10 Energy	200 Food
Hydroponic Farming	50 Water 100 Energy	200 Food

Keep in mind that Open Farming can benefit from “Areal Rules” and Domed/Hydroponic Farming is protected from all kinds of hazards.

5.5.6.4. MINING ASSET TYPES

The following mines produce the following at level I, when mining is easy and plenty of reserves still in the ground.

ASSET TYPE LEVEL I	INPUT	OUTPUT
Metal Mine		250 Metal
Rare Metals Mine		100 Rare Metals
Recycling Facility		30 Fuel 40 Metal 5 Rare Metals
Oil Drilling		500 Fuel
Bio Fuel Refinery	300 Food	200 Fuel
Synthetic Fuel Ref.	200 Energy	250 Fuel
Ice Mining		1,000 Water
Wind Traps		200 Water
Water Purification		2,000 Water
Methane Synthesis Plant	200 Energy	250 Fuel*
Deep Core Gas Extractor		125 Fuel**
Atmospheric H2O synthesis	200 Energy	500 Water
Rock Dehydration Plant		250 Water
Soil Demetalization		125 Metal
Radioactives Mine		5 Radioactives

*=Production depends on Methane (CH₄) ppm in the atmosphere. Only possible above 250ppm

**=Production depends on the age of the Planet. The thinner the planetary crust the more production. Not possible on geologically dead Planets.

5.5.6.5. ENERGY ASSET TYPES

The following Assets produce the following amounts of Energy at level 1.

ASSET TYPE LEVEL I	INPUT	OUTPUT
Power Plant	500 Fuel	500 Energy
Solar Panel	-	50 Energy*
Volcanic Energy Plant	200 Water	300 Energy
Serpentization Plant	600 Water	165 Energy
Gravitonic Collector	-	500 Energy
Nuclear Plant	1 Radioactives	500 Energy (Fusion Tech doubles this)
Organic Furnace	Trees**	35 Energy***
Scavenging Furnace	Scavenge points****	35 Energy

*=Production depends on Solar Irradiance. Above the Earth baseline of 1367 W/m² more output, below less output. Production depends also on rainfall. If too much rainfall not enough sunlight gets through.

**= depletes 1 Forest Level per Asset Level. Savannah has 1 Forest Level, Forest has 2 Forest Levels, Heavy Forest has 3 Forest Levels, Jungle has 4 Forest Levels and Cloud Forest has 5 Forest Levels.

***=Savannah gives only 75%. Forested Mountain only 50%.

****=4 scavenge points per 1 energy produced.

5.5.6.6. MODEL COSTS

Here follows a list of all base and variant costs for constructing Models.

MODEL / PART	CONSTRUCT COST	OPERATIONAL COST
Automated Models	High Tech	Energy
Non-Automated Models	Recruits	Food
Walkers	Machines	-
Carbine, Gas, Gauss Rifles / MG + RPG	Metal IP	Ammo
Laser Rifles / Laser MG	Rare IP	Energy
Plasma Rifles / Plasma MG	High Tech IP	Energy
Nuke RPG	Machines Metal IP	Radioactives
Personal Armor	Metal IP	-
Powered Personal Armor (Battledress)	Machines Metal IP	-

Personal Shielding	High Tech Radioactives IP	-
Howitzers and High Velocity (HV) Guns	Metal IP	Ammo
Laser Guns	Rare IP	Energy
Beam Guns	Rare High Tech IP	Energy
Plasma Guns	High Tech IP	Energy
Rockets	Metal IP	Ammo
Missiles	Metal Machines	Ammo
Nuclear Weapons	Metal Machines IP	Radioactives
Steel Plating	Metal IP	-
Polymer Plating	Rare IP	-
Liquid Armor	Metal High Tech IP	-
Shield Generator	Metal Machines High Tech	Energy
Diesel Engine	Metal IP	Fuel
Electric Engine	Rare Machines IP	Energy
Nuclear Engine	High-Tech Radioactives IP	-

5.6. REGIMES

You play one of the Regimes on the map. Think of a Regime as anything that signifies an at least somewhat coherent force occupying a certain number of Zones or Hexes.

5.6.1. TYPES OF REGIMES

There are different kinds of Regime Types.

5.6.1.1. MAJOR REGIMES

Are the Regimes that can be played by humans and are the ones that have access to the fullest range of features. You start the game at peace with all Major Regimes. Note that there are different relation Statuses with Majors while you are at peace.

5.6.1.2. MINOR REGIMES

Are (semi) organized geographical entities. They are always under AI control. Limited diplomacy with them is possible.

Unclear Relation

You start out with an Unclear relation with all Minors. In order to take their Cities or attack their Units you'll need to go to war with them. Taking Hexes they claim to hold is however possible while in this Unclear relation. Unclear relation is unique to Minor Regimes.

However, keep in mind that your relation will decrease with the Minor in question if you take its territory and approach on its City and/or Units.

If the Relation is lower than 35 the Minor might also infringe on your territory given the "Unclear" relations. If the Relation is higher than 35, the Minor will not try to "steal" your Hexes.

Also keep in mind that, in the confusion over the borders with an "Unclear" relation, you could accidentally walk into an Ambush if you advance on a Hex where there are hidden Units of the other Regime. Such fighting will be considered an accident and will not lead to war.

Peace with a Minor

If you make Peace with a Minor you'll no longer be able to take its Hexes. The relation will have become clear and you'll have to respect the territorial claims of the Minor in question.

5.6.1.3. NON-ALIGNED FORCES

These are forces that are unorganized and that function on a Unit-to-Unit basis. No diplomacy is possible, and they are always considered hostile.

These forces include Free Folk Militias and native Alien Lifeforms.

5.6.1.4. REBEL REGIMES

These are always linked to a specific Major Regime with whom they have a special hatred relation. They'll however follow any diplomatic changes which the Major Regime they are rebelling against is making. If Rebels succeed in conquering a City they'll make it the Capital of a new regular Minor Regime.

5.6.2. YOUR REGIME

Your Regime is always a Major Regime.

Basically, every game piece or stat that is not at Unit or Zone level is at Regime Level. Your Regime represents you and your (either big or small) bureaucracy controlling your territories and subjects. There are several Regime level points that you can spend to make your power felt.

5.6.2.1. FATE POINTS (FP)

This abstracts your personal interventions and your twisting of the fate of your empire. They can be used to play Fate Stratagems. Those and these points can be acquired by conquering Zones (only assured if >20% of your current Populace) and by gaining new Tech Levels.

	BEGINNER	REGULAR	HARD	EXTREME
Fate Pack on new Tech Level	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fate Pack on new Admin Level	Yes	Yes	No	No
Fate Pack on new Culture Level	Yes	No	No	No

5.6.2.2. POLITICAL POINTS (PP)

This is the most vital resource you have. It is used to play Stratagems, make personnel changes, upgrade cities, raise new Units and HQs. You will have more PP if you get more powerful, but your PP will always be highly limited. Be sure not to suffer Prestige Damage, as this can seriously reduce your PP income.

Your PP income for a turn is as follows:

PP INCOME TYPE	CALCULATION
Base Income	5- 10 PP (based on difficulty level)
Play with <i>Oceania</i> DLC	+3 PP
Play with <i>Republica</i> DLC	+5 PP
PP production by Organizations	Square Root of ppPoints
Prestige Damage	Prestige Damage % is removed.
Political Bonus	PP is increased by Political Bonus %.
Multiple SHQ Penalty	2 or more points can be deducted, starting then you have more than 1 SHQ.

5.6.2.3. SHQ POLITICAL POINT COST

SHQs are major activities of bureaucracy and political clout. Your first SHQ does not cost you any PP per turn, however any subsequent SHQs you build will. You will be at your most efficient if you only have one SHQ.

NUMBER OF SHQS	PP PENALTY PER TURN
1	none
2	-2
3	-5
4	-9
5	-14
6	-20

5.6.2.4. PRESTIGE DAMAGE

Prestige models your overall respectability and it can take a hit from your subjects' disapproval if you show signs of "geopolitical madness," like invading another Regime you actually have an alliance or a really positive relation with.

Prestige Damage, once taken, will only very slowly erode. You'll lose 1% each round.

5.6.2.5. BUREAUCRATIC POINTS (BP)

These are generated by some of your more governmentally-oriented Assets. You can disperse them over your Organizations by setting the National Budget. Inside the Organizations they can be used to Research, make Stratagems and be put to good use on a big number of other Tasks.

The BP points displayed on your dashboard are the points that were produced this turn and which will be distributed the upcoming turn.

The Nature of Bureaucracies

Bureaucracy has at the same time an undeserved and a deserved negative image. Undeserved because grouping large number of people in huge Organizations actually allows you to undertake big tasks and have a serious impact, deserved because the bigger your bureaucracy gets the less efficient it will be. Keep in mind though that small bureaucracies can be extremely effective.

SIZE OF BUREAUCRACY	SMALL SIZE BONUS BP GIVEN	BIG SIZE PENALTY BP SUSTAINED
10 BP	+27	-
100 BP	+100	-
200 BP	+59	-
300 BP	+27	-
400 BP	+0	-
1,000 BP	-	-12
2,000 BP	-	-190
3,000 BP	-	-560
10,000 BP	-	-5,300
50,000 BP	-	-40,000

5.6.2.6. CREDITS (CR)

You use Credits to pay Leaders, Workers, recruit Soldiers and Colonists, Trade and optionally to do Diplomacy by making Gifts.

Salaries and Signup premiums for Workers, Soldiers and Colonists are set in milliCredits (1 milliCredit = 0.001 Credit)

Salaries of Leaders and Investment budgets are set in full Credits.

5.6.2.7. LEVELS

Your Regime has 3 key levels that impact up to which level Assets you can build.

Tech Level

Determines the maximum level to which you can upgrade productive/economic Assets like farms and factories.

It also limits which Tech Groups you are able to make discoveries in.

This is based on the amount of research you have done. Your Tech Level is the square root of the number of Techs you have researched.

Also provides a Technical Skill Family increase for newly recruited Leaders.

So in a normal game you start with 9 techs already available at start, meaning normally you start at Tech Level 3.

Maximum Tech Level is 10.

Admin Level

Determines the maximum level to which you can upgrade organizational Assets (aka as government Assets).

Also provides a Command Skill Family increase for new Leaders.

This is based on the number of Organizations you have created and your total BP production. Your Admin Level is the square root of (the number of councils + the square root of your BP production).

So for example 100 BP production add 3 Admin Levels, where 400 BP adds 4 Admin Levels and 1,000 BP adds 5 Admin Levels, 10,000 BP adds 10 Admin Levels. 1 Organization adds 1 Admin Level, 4 Organizations add 2 Admin Levels, 9 Organizations add 3 Admin Levels.

Maximum Level is 10.

Civilisation Level

Determines the maximum level you can upgrade QOL Assets to.

Also provides an Interpersonal Skill Family increase for new Leaders.

This is based on the square root of the average Civilisation Score of your Regular Zones and diminished by 1.

Maximum Level is 10.

5.6.2.8. WORD

Your Word Score models if you keep your promises. If it gets low your promises will not be trusted by your Leaders and other Regimes.

- It impacts your Relation with a Leader if you relieve him/her from a Job with the promise of a better one. If Word is low the Leader won't believe your promise.
- Factions take your promises on their Demands more serious with more Word.
- Impacts Faction Ideal Relation.
- Impacts Leader Ideal Relation for Leaders with high Heroic or Low Ambition stats.
- Impacts a number of diplomatic Stratagems as well.

5.6.2.9. CAPITAL

If you have multiple Zones, one of those Zones will have your Capital City. It is the City were you and your Cabinet reside. Losing it during battle will cause your Cabinet members to be decimated during the fighting.

If you lose your Capital, it will shift to another Zone (if one is still available of course).

High Command Asset

Of these you are supposed to have just one. It is your personal command centre and it can only be present in your Capital City. So, if any is found in a non-Capital Zone, it will be immediately morphed into the more generic Offices Asset.

5.6.2.10. POPULARITY

This a Regime-wide score based on many Zone, Leader and Unit statistics. It helps you to avoid Unrest events even in Zones where conditions are miserable.

It also helps you defend against aggressive special operations Stratagems that could be used by your enemies.

Calculation is:

- Happiness of Workers
- Happiness and Loyalty of Population
- Morale of Soldiers
- Relation and Loyalty of Leaders

The first three parts of the calculation are weighted for the amounts of Workers, Population and Soldiers actually present in your Regime.

5.6.3. DECISIONS

On most turns you'll be asked to make Decisions.

If you end your turn without making one, it will either return the next turn (especially if about your own government Organization and Tasks) or it can be made in your name by your Secretary or Governor.

5.6.3.1. TYPE OF DECISIONS

Governmental Decisions

These are Decisions that are standard and not politically sensitive. Your decisions here will not change the Profile of your Regime, nor affect your Leaders (unless it deals with appointments or policy speeches).

Nominations

These are proposed by your Bureaucracy and all Factions have a hand in who is going to be proposed. If you do not have many Leaders in reserve then you'll always be able to pick who you want.

It is not common to do so, but it is possible for you to 'Dismiss' a candidate and then another one will be proposed to you. However, if this concerns a Faction member, it will decrease the Happiness of his/her Faction. Once a Leader has been dismissed once it will usually take some while before your nomination committees dare to propose him/her again.

Instead of dismissing a Leader, it might be cheaper to wait a turn to see if different Leaders are proposed for the job in question the next turn.

Event Decisions

A special type of decision is the event-based decision that obliges you to always pay 1 PP for making a Decision yourself. Not making the Decision yourself will save you that 1 PP.

Promises

During some events you'll be able to make a Promise. A Promise is much like an accepted Demand, but it is not linked to a specific Faction.

If you successfully deliver a Promise:

- You receive 20 PP
- Your Word score increases by +10%

If you fail to deliver a Promise:

- Your Word score decreases by -20%

Demands

Factions can make Demands on you. Consider carefully if you want to accept a Demand.

If you successfully deliver on a Demand:

- You get a Profile increase on the Profile that concerns the Demand of +20%.
- You get big boost of +30% to the Happiness of the Faction that took the initiative.
- Your Word score increases by +10%.

If you promised to deliver on a Demand, but you fail to actually deliver:

- You get a Profile decrease on the Profile that concerns the Demand of -20%.
- You get big loss of -30% to the Happiness of the Faction that took the initiative for that Demand.
- Your Word score decreases by -20%.

If you refuse a Demand when it is made:

- You get a decrease on the Profile that concerns the Demand of -10%.
- You get a loss of -15% to the Happiness of the Faction that took the initiative.

If you accept a Demand when it is made:

- Faction Happiness goes up with +10% modified with your Word level.

5.6.3.2. COST OF DECISIONS

Most event-based non-organizational Decisions costs at least 1 PP for making a Decision yourself.

5.6.3.3. DECISIONS MADE IN YOUR NAME

If you press End Turn without having made a Decision, your Secretary, Governor or Director will make the Decision for you. Usually your subject will pick the safest course of action. But if the Leader making the Decision for you has low Relation and high Authority score, a decision most favourable to the Profile of the Leader might be reached instead.

Especially keep an eye on the Secretary. He/she makes a lot of Decisions if you do not make them.

5.6.4. ORGANIZATIONS

You start the game with only one Organization, but you can construct more at a cost in Political Points (PP).

Each Organization can execute a number of different Tasks.

An Organization always performs better if it has a Leader assigned as its Director. Depending on your Relation with the Director the impact of the BP allocated will be increased. It can be increased by +50% if your Relation Score with the Director is at the maximum of 100 points.

The Organizations represent the different pillars of your government. Each Organization can be assigned a part of the national Bureaucratic Point (BP) budget. Furthermore, all Organizations have their own Organization Budget for prioritizing between different Tasks that they can spend their BP (received from the National Budget) on. Call your Director to discuss his/her Organization Budget.

Let's take a look first at which Organizations you can create.

5.6.4.1. ORGANIZATIONS

Supreme Command Council

This is your initial Organization. It represents your personal administration and is, for example, the place where you can imagine you have your personal offices and where your Secretary is being housed.

It is a very general-purpose Organization that is your only sure source of PP income and also allows you to have some Stratagems at your disposal in the early game. Keep in mind that any Stratagem produced by your Supreme Command Council can be produced more efficiently at a more specialized Organizations.

Military Research Council

This is an organization dedicated to researching new Techs that are of interest to the military. This Organization can perform the Tasks below.

Discovery Task

Before a Tech can be researched you first need to find the idea. This Task focuses the effort of finding new ideas.

It is always a mystery how much BP you'll need to invest before you make a Discovery. Except when you have discovered everything there is to discover, in that case you'll be notified.

Skill used is Inventor.

Research Task

Once you have discovered a Tech you can order the Organization to research it.

Skill used is Science.

Economic Council

This is an organization dedicated to researching new Techs that are of interest to your Populace and your Economy. This Organization can perform the Tasks below.

Discovery Task

Before a Tech can be researched you first need to find the idea. This Task focuses the effort of finding new ideas.

Skill used is Inventor.

It is always a mystery how much BP you'll need to invest before you make a Discovery. Except when you have discovered everything there is to discover, in that case you'll be notified

Research Task

Once you have discovered a Tech you can order the Organization to research it.

Skill used is Science.

Prospecting

This will attempt to increase the Prospecting Level in your Zones with the lowest level of Prospecting.

Skill used is Prospecting.

Economic Policies

This Task will provide you with special Stratagems that will allow you to improve your Economy.

Skill used is Administration.

Model Design Council

This is an organization dedicated to developing new Equipment for your military. This Organization can perform the Tasks below.

Discover Model

Before a Model can be developed you first need to find the idea. This Task focuses the effort of finding new ideas.

Skill used is Technician.

It is always a mystery how much BP you'll need to invest before you make a Discovery. Except when you have discovered everything there is to discover, in that case you'll be notified

Design Model

Once you have discovered a Model you can order the Organization to develop it.

It is possible to continue development on an already developed Model as well. Like improving the Mark II tank to the Mark III tank.

Usually there are several rough design choices you are permitted to communicate to the design team of the Model.

Skill used is Technician.

Staff Council

This is an organization dedicated to the high-level organization and management of your military.

This Organization can perform the Tasks below.

Customize Formation Type

This task will generate Customization Points. These points can be spent by calling the directors of the Staff Council and customizing a Formation Type with him/her.

Discover Formation Types

Before a Formation Type can be Operationalized you first need to find the idea for it. This Task focuses the effort of finding new ideas.

It is always a mystery how much BP you'll need to invest before you make a Discovery. Except when you have discovered everything there is to discover, in that case you'll be notified

Skill used is High Command.

Operationalize Formation Types

Once you have discovered a Formation Type you can order the Organization to operationalize it.

Skill used is High Command.

Occupation and Governance

This Task will provide you with special Stratagems that will allow your military forces to help “stabilize” certain Zones. Includes Stratagems as Pillage and Razia. Make sure that you have the Profile that allows these Stratagems to be generated.

Skill used is High Command.

Postures

This Task will provide you with Posture Stratagems that can be played on military HQs. Postures are basically doctrines of how to engage (or not) the enemy. They can provide big bonuses and penalties to combat and when well used can prove a powerful tool in defeating your enemies.

Skill used is High Command.

Secret Service Council

This is an organization dedicated to clandestine operations behind enemy lines. Often far behind. They train spies and coordinate covert operations. This Organization can perform the Tasks below.

Active Field Operations

This Task will provide you with a wide variety of Stratagems that allow you to use covert operatives to undermine enemy Regimes.

Skill used is Covert Ops.

Spying Operations

This Task will provide you with Spy Stratagems that you can play on enemy Zones. This is the way to gather intelligence far beyond your borders.

Skill used is Covert Ops.

Internal Security

This Task will provide you with Stratagems that turn the attention of the Secret Service on your own people. Stratagems like Investigate Leader.

Skill used is Covert Ops.

Foreign Affairs Council

This is an Organization dedicated to improving or changing the relations you have with your neighbouring Regimes.

Major Diplomacy

This Task will provide you with a wide variety of Stratagems that allow you to engage in diplomacy with Major Regimes. Skill used is Diplomacy.

Minor Diplomacy

This Task will provide you with a wide variety of Stratagems that allow you to engage in diplomacy with Minor Regimes. Skill used is Diplomacy.

Applied Science Council

This Organization is dedicating to improving upon (binary) technologies you have already mastered. They only have access to Linear Techs.

At start these Techs are easy to research, but the higher the level you reach the harder it will become to make further improvements.

Discovery Task

Before a Linear Tech can be researched you first need to find the idea. This Task focuses the effort of finding new ideas.

It is always a mystery how much BP you'll need to invest before you make a Discovery. Except when you have discovered everything there is to discover, in that case you'll be notified.

Skill used is Inventor.

Research Task

Once you have discovered a Linear Tech you can order the Organization to gain research points on it. Skill used is Science.

Interior Council

This is an Organization dedicated to improving the functioning of your Regime. It has Tasks that can provide you with Stratagems to get more Income and to have more Leaders to do your bidding.

Taxation

This Task will provide you with Stratagems that allow you to change the taxation of your Regime.

Income and Sales Tax can be changed on a Regime wide level.

Skill used is Administration.

Tariffs

This Task will provide you with Stratagems that allow you to change the tariffs on exports and imports with other Regimes. You can set a different Tariff for each Regime.

Skill used is Administration.

Human Resource

This Task will provide you with Stratagems to recruit new Leaders.

Skill used is Administration.

Interior Policies

This Task will provide you with Stratagems that focus on making improvements to Zones.

Skill used is Administration.

5.6.4.2. BONUSSES FOR TASKS

Some Tasks can receive Bonuses. These bonuses will increase the impact BP invested in the Task will have.

Director Relation Bonus

If your Organization is missing a Director, you'll suffer a -50% penalty. Once you have a Director in place with a Relation >50 you'll start receiving a bonus. A Director with a Relation <50 gives penalties between -1% and -50%. So, a Relation of 90 will give a 40% bonus on BP invested.

Director Skill Bonus

If the Skill Roll of the Director is above 100, the value above 100 will be used as a positive percentage modifier. So, a roll of 123 will give a 23% bonus on BP invested.

Design Bonus

This Bonus makes the Design Model Task of the Model Design Council more effective.

Research Bonus

This Bonus makes the Research Technology Task of the Military Research, Economic and Applied Sciences Councils more effective.

5.6.4.3. NEW ORGANIZATION COST

Your first Organization is very cheap. Subsequent Organizations will become more expensive to put in place.

This models that it is easy to start-up your bureaucracy and start creating Organizations. However, every new Organization you add to your government apparatus will become more expensive as the total number of links between all your Organizations continue to increase and make life more complex from an organizational point of view. Or in other words, with increased complexity overhead increases.

ORGANIZATION NUMBER	BASE COST	LOWEST COST POSSIBLE
2nd	4 PP	1 PP
3rd	8 PP	2 PP
4th	16 PP	4 PP
5th	28 PP	6 PP
6th	44 PP	9 PP
7th	52 PP	11 PP
8th	56 PP	11 PP
9th or more	60 PP	12 PP

Decrease of cost with time

If you wait a turn, the PP cost for a new Organization will be decreased by 3%. A maximum reduction of 80% is possible. This models the stress cost of rapidly expanding your bureaucracy complexity versus taking the time to do it more organically.

Delays with creation

Keep in mind there are some delays before you'll have an Organization in place that is functioning as it should be. If you create an Organization in turn X, it will be immediately created by your staff. Then in turn X+1 when the Organization has been equipped with cadres and presumably some offices, communication lines and a budget you'll be able to appoint its Director. The Director will need to settle in and take charge of his/her Organization and you can then call this Director in turn X+2 to reset the Organization Budget.

Diminishing results with more BP investment

Your BP invested in Tasks at your Organizations has a non-linear effect. The more BP you spent the less effective each BP will be.

This limit is set at 100BP for a Task. Above a 100BP investment, you'll suffer inefficiency effects.

For example, investing 150 BP in a Task results in an effective investment (after limiting returns rule) of 127 BP. And an investment of 300 BP results in an effective investment of 190 BP. So it can be worthwhile to invest beyond the limit, but it is not the most efficient way to spend your BP.

If your bureaucracy gets really big and you have 1,000s of BP to spend, inefficiency at Task level is something you'll have to learn to live with. If you are a small fry and have only up to a few hundred BPs in total, do not worry about this rule.

5.6.4.4. ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT

You have several means to provide high level management to your Organizations.

New Organization

Sometimes your Secretary will prompt you so see whether you want to create a new Organization on his/her own initiative. However, if you want

to take the initiative yourself, you'll need to Call your Secretary to ask him to prepare this Decision immediately.

National Budget

If you have more than one Organization, then every so many turns the National Budget will be discussed. It concerns the distribution of BP over your Organizations. You can also Call your Secretary to ask him to prepare this Decision immediately.

Keep in mind that reshuffling your budget can affect your Relation with your Council Directors. Almost nobody likes a budget cut!

Organization Budget

Organizations have multiple Tasks over which they distribute the BP that have been allocated to them by the National Budget. If you want, you can change these allocations. You can do so by placing a Call to a Director to ask him/her to prepare this Decision immediately.

Change Target

A number of Organizations have Tasks that have a specific target. Like researching a specific Tech, developing a specific Model or operationalizing a specific Formation Type. You can Call your Director to ask him to prepare this Decision immediately.

Changing Director

Once an Organization has a vacant Director position, the next turn a Director selection Decision will be prepared by you. You can force a vacant position by making a Call to the current Director to Dismiss him. If you do so next turn you'll be able to choose a new Director. There is a one turn delay here because organizing a committee to find you nominees takes some time. This delay will expose you to the -50% penalty of having no Director, for one turn. Meddling like that in Organizations always comes at some costs.

Nominations

At the start of each turn you'll receive Nominations for taking up vacant positions.

It is important to realise that it is your bureaucratic apparatus that chooses the nominees. Depending on your Political System certain candidates will be preferred due to your Factions' influences.

Taken into account for selection is the suitability for the post, Capability Level, Seniority, Faction membership and if there are Leaders that have a Job promised by you.

If you do not like any of the Nominations, you can choose to leave a post vacant for another turn and hope for some better nominees the next turn. There is a heavy randomized part to the nominations, so it is certainly possible to get different nominees the next turn.

5.6.5. ADVISORS

If an Advisor is attached to a Leader and the Advisor makes a higher Roll, it is the Advisor's Roll result which will be used instead of the Roll result of the Leader the Advisor is attached to.

Advisors can cause friction with the Leader they are attached to due to differences of personality and ethics.

Advisors are directly subject to you. They can be attached or detached to any Commander, Governor or Director.

You can only attach or detach an Advisor once per turn.

The maximum number of Advisors that you can appoint is equal to the square root of the number of Zones you own (result rounded down).

ZONES	ADVISORS
1-3	1
4-8	2
9-15	3
16-24	4
25+	5

Advisors are always cabinet members, so there is a price to pay for the fact that they gain a Cabinet position. The more noses in your Cabinet, the harder it is to make them point in the same direction.

5.6.6. BONUS POINTS AND BONUSES

There are many kinds of Bonuses that your Regime can acquire.

At the very start of your turn, your Bonus Points (generated previous turn) and your Regime Feats determine your Bonuses for the current turn.

During production you can acquire Bonus Points that will be used next turn.

The Bonus Points translate in a square root addition to Bonus, meaning that 10 Bonus Points give you an additional 3% Bonus and 100 Bonus Points give you 10% additional Bonus.

5.6.7. STRATAGEM GENERATION AND PP COSTS

Stratagems that can be generated by an Organization have a certain BP cost that needs to be paid for for it to be actually generated.

Your Regime will start out with only the Supreme Command Council in place that will generate a limited number of Stratagems, but over time you'll create more Organizations and will acquire more diversity in Stratagems.

The PP cost of your Stratagems is dependent on your Relation with the Leader who'll execute the Stratagem. If Relation is higher than 50 you will have to pay less PP, if Relation is below 50 you'll have more PP.

The absence of a Leader for the Organization that executes the Stratagem increases the PP cost to the max. Some Stratagems can also be executed by the Supreme Council as well as a more specialized Council. Using the Supreme Council to execute these Stratagems also increases the PP cost.

If you already have a certain number of specific Stratagems, the chance to get another one will be diminished sharply.

5.6.8. LEADER RESERVE POOL

Your Regime will have a number of Leaders employed. Some of them will be your Zone Governors, others your Organization Directors and yet others your Army Commanders. And some will not have any assignment at all. They'll be placed in the Reserve Pool.

It is this Reserve Pool that is used to provide you with Nominations for filling vacant posts.

Be aware that it is possible for discontented Leaders to leave you or to rebel. Rebellion is not very likely, and it is unusual for any rebellion from a Reserve Pool Leader to be strongly supported, but if you place a dissatisfied high Seniority Ranking Leader in the Officer Reserve Pool this could occur.

5.6.9. THE REGIME PROFILE

Your Regime has a Profile consisting of 3 Profile Groups. Each Profile Group contains 3 interlocking Profile scores.

Consider the Regime Profile scores like the state of mind of all your Populace, Leaders, Soldiers and Workers.

The Regime Profile scores can change based on your Decisions. However, they get harder to change once they get into the extreme ends of their spectra.

Reaching an absolute 0 or 100 score on a Regime Profile score should be almost impossible. Even getting below 10 or above 90 will be extremely difficult. This represents the natural resistance of people to take very extreme positions.

Having a Regime Profile score above 40 will eventually result in gaining your first Regime Feat. Above 50 you'll receive a second, above 60 a third, etc.

5.6.9.1. CHANGES TO YOUR REGIME PROFILE

There are several mechanisms that can make your Regime Profile change.

Decisions

Most Decisions you make will have an impact on your Regime Profile. Keep in mind that the higher a Profile Score is, the lower the gain and the higher the loss will be that a Decision offers.

Going to War

Invading another Regime will have a repercussion on your Fist Profile.

This effect is lower when it concerns going to war with Minors or Regimes that you have a low Relation with. This effect is much higher when it concerns Majors, especially those with whom you have a high Relation level. This effect is truly humongous when you are committing a kind of treason, like going to war with a Regime with whom you have a pact (like non-aggression pact).

Dominant Profiles

All Profiles are Dominant over one other. Dominant Profiles decrease the scores of the other Profile and these rules ensure that you cannot get top scores on all Profiles. Getting a high score on one Profile, will mean getting a lower score on another Profile.

For example, Autocracy has dominance over Meritocracy. This means that the dominated Profile can in the long term not retain a score higher than 100 minus the Dominant Profile. So, if Autocracy has a score of 70 points, that means Meritocracy will be pushed back to a maximum score of 30 points.

This suppression effect is gradual and is minimally 1 point per turn and maximally 20% of the difference in points.

The Profile that is doing the suppressing also takes a hit in the process at half the damage done to the Profile it is suppressing. This models the cost of infighting and contradictory ideologies.

Dominant Profiles List

Democracy suppresses Autocracy

Autocracy suppresses Meritocracy

Meritocracy suppresses Democracy

Enforcement suppresses Commerce

Commerce suppresses Government

Government suppresses Enforcement

Fist suppresses Mind

Mind suppresses Heart

Heart suppresses Fist

Dominant Profiles also take half the damage themselves every time they suppress another Profile.

5.6.10. PROFILE GROUPS AND FIELDS

The Profiles have been organized into 3 Profile Groups. Each Profile Group has 3 Profiles.

5.6.10.1. POLITICS GROUP

These 3 Profiles determine how your people think the nation should be governed.



Democracy

Democracy denotes your people's preference for the making of democratic decisions. It denotes the belief that all men are equal and if possible have an equal vote.



Autocracy

Autocracy denotes adherence to principles of natural leadership and might making right.



Meritocracy

Meritocracy denotes that your nation strives to get the best people to the highest positions.

5.6.10.2. SOCIETY GROUP

These 3 Profiles determines the way your people think that they should be managed.



Enforcement

Enforcement denotes the level of discipline and rigid rules inside your nation.



Commerce

Commerce denotes the level of private initiative inside your nation.



Government

Government denotes the power which the government and its bureaucrats wield.

The higher your Government Profile the more likely it is your Population will put up with higher taxation levels.

5.6.10.3. PSYCHOLOGY GROUP

These 3 Profiles determines the way your people think, feel and act.



Fist

Fist denotes a people that want to win and who won't hesitate for a moment to use force to achieve their goals.



Mind

Mind denotes a people that are cerebral and that like to think, have some morals and like to be creative.



Heart

Heart denotes a people who have faith and belief in each other and their joint struggle.

5.6.11. REGIME FEATS

A Regime Feat is a special institution or ideology well established inside your Regime. These Regime Feats provide you positive effects in bonuses, Stratagem unlocks and Unit Feats.

They'll also provide special Faction Stratagems when there is a Faction that is happy and that shares a Profile with the Regime Feat in question.

All the Regime Profile scores give you the chance to gain Regime Feats once they go beyond 40 points.

5.6.11.1. REGIME FEATS LISTING

Democracy

PROFILE SCORE	FEAT NAME	BASE EFFECT	FACTION CARDS	UNIT FEAT
40	Engaged Politicians	Political Bonus +30%	Political Aid Truck	
50	Conflict Resolution	QOL Bonus +50%		Negotiator
60	Open Politics	Political Bonus +40%	Local Referendum	
70	Due Procedure	QOL Bonus +100%		Secondant
80	Civil Society	Political Bonus +50%	Civil Delegation	
90	Voters First	QOL Bonus +150%		

Autocracy

PROFILE SCORE	FEAT NAME	BASE EFFECT	FACTION CARDS	UNIT FEAT
40	Strength of the Will	-none-		Bunker Busters
50	Submission	-none-	Hero of the Nation	
60	Martial Law	-none-	Crackdown on Unrest	
70	Reign of Fear	-none-		Firing Squad
80	Burned Earth	-none-		
90	Total Power	-none-		

Meritocracy

PROFILE SCORE	FEAT NAME	BASE EFFECT	FACTION CARDS	UNIT FEAT
40	Accomplished Envoys	Diplomacy Rolls +30	Plea of Friendship	
50	Capable Supervisors	Per 1,000 pop/work +1 Food	Worker Privileges	
60	Martial Tournaments	Operational Commands Rolls +25		Champion
70	Administrative Competence	Administration Rolls +40		Tough NCO
80	Capable Small Business	Per 1,000 pop +2 Credits		
90	Competitive Culture	Leader Capability +50%		

Enforcement

PROFILE SCORE	FEAT NAME	BASE EFFECT	FACTION CARDS	UNIT FEAT
40	Discipline	(Service) Tax Bonus +50%		Military Police
50	Efficiency Goals	Logistical Bonus +50%	All for the Front	
60	Strong-arming	Recruitment Bonus +100% (Soldier/Colonists)		Elite Trainer
70	Citizen Loyalty Oath	(Service) Tax Bonus +100%	Sacred Oath	
80	Stick to the Schedule	Logistical Bonus +100%		
90	Subjects of the State	Recruitment Bonus +200%		

Commerce

PROFILE SCORE	FEAT NAME	BASE EFFECT	FACTION CARDS	UNIT FEAT
40	Free Market	Private Economy Bonus +40%	Commercial Project	
50	Opportunism	Pop Happiness Bonus +50%		Scavengers
60	Wealthy Friends	Commerce Bonus +100%*	Investor backing	
70	Corporations	Private Economy Bonus +80%		Corporatist Officer
80	Private Careers	Pop Happiness Bonus +100%	Co-optation	
90	Stock Market	Commerce Bonus +200%*		Appropriation Team

*=Commerce Bonus allows your Traders to outwit other Traders when trading with them, resulting in them buying cheap and selling high. Furthermore the higher your Commerce Bonus the lower their margin (the higher their buy price will be) when dealing with you.

Government

PROFILE SCORE	FEAT NAME	BASE EFFECT	FACTION CARDS	UNIT FEAT
40	Bureaucracy	Bureaucratic Bonus +40%		Medical Team
50	State Companies	Public Industrial Bonus +40%	Double Shift	
60	Workers Rights	Worker Happiness Bonus +50%		Field Kitchen
70	Central Computer	Bureaucratic Bonus +60%	Administrative Review	
80	Intensive Worker Training	Public Industrial Bonus +60%		
90	Worker Elite	Worker Happiness Bonus +100%		

Fist

PROFILE SCORE	FEAT NAME	BASE EFFECT	FACTION CARDS	UNIT FEAT
40	Voluntarism	Chance on extra Militia Units.	Militia Project	
50	War Lust	50% higher casualty tolerance		People's Hero
60	Esprit de Corps	Combat Bonus +25%	Insult	
70	Militarized Politics	100% higher casualty tolerance	Political Lieutenant	
80	Fanaticism	Combat Bonus +40%		Suicide Bomber
90	Total War Mentality	200% higher casualty tolerance		

Mind

PROFILE SCORE	FEAT NAME	BASE EFFECT	FACTION CARDS	UNIT FEAT
40	Technology Fascination	Research Bonus +30%		Techno Mage
50	Curiosity	Cultural Adjustment Bonus +40%	Zoo/Cultural Project	
60	Logical Thought	Research Bonus +40%		Engineer
70	Universal Truth	Cultural Adjustment Bonus +60%		Roboteer
80	Scientific Religion	Research Bonus +50%	Breakthrough Now!	
90	Academic Mentality	Cultural Adjustment Bonus +80%		

Heart

PROFILE SCORE	FEAT NAME	BASE EFFECT	FACTION CARDS	UNIT FEAT
40	National Pride	Morale Bonus +40%	Militant Propagandist	
50	Friendship	Leader Loyalty Bonus +40%		Musical Band
60	Joint Struggle	People Loyalty Bonus +50%	Popular Rally	
70	Rallying Flag	Morale Bonus +60%		Flag Bearer
80	Band of Brothers	Leader Loyalty Bonus +80%		Camo Team
90	Total Trust in Leaders	People Loyalty Bonus +100%		

Losing Regime Feats

If your Profile score drops 10 points below the Profile score needed to gain the Regime Feat, you'll start to have a chance to lose the Regime Feat in question.

5.6.12. POLITICS

If you don't have the *Republica* DLC or have the *Republica* features disabled, please read this section. If however you have the DLC and are playing with the *Republica* DLC rules enabled you should consult the 6.3 section. As the politics are an order of magnitude more complex with the DLC. Even if you wield almost total power (Autocracy/Politburo) there will still be some politics going on.

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You always have a Political Body active. This is either a Parliament, a Senate or a Politburo.

If you have a Parliament, normally all classes (Population, Workers, Soldiers and Leaders) are allowed to vote, but under special Profile circumstances you will be able to exempt certain classes from voting.

Every X rounds, there will be an Election. This will shuffle the amount of power different Factions wield within your Political Body. Powerful Factions will be more likely to make Demands on you.

5.6.12.1. POLITICAL BODIES

You always have one of the following Political Bodies:

Parliament

A democratic assembly. However, you can change the voting rules to make it more or less democratic.

Senate

An elite assembly. Only your Leaders can vote to elect your senators.

Politburo

Although there is no assembly there is still a counter power you have to deal with. All the Leaders in your Cabinet have a vote to determine which trustees to send to your 'shadowy' Politburo.

5.6.12.2. ELECTIONS

Elections are straight forward affairs, but how do specific classes of voters vote?

Population of a Zone vote

Up to $(50\% * \text{Happiness} / 100 * \text{Oratory Roll} / 100)$ go to the Faction preferred by the Governor.

Remainder of the votes go to the agenda of the specific Populace. This agenda depends on the type of private Assets present in the Zone.

Workers of a Zone vote

Up to $(100\% * \text{Happiness} / 100 * \text{Administration Roll} / 100)$ go to the Faction preferred by the Governor.

Remainder of the votes go to the agenda of the specific Populace. This agenda depends on the type of public Assets present in the Zone.

Soldiers of a Unit vote

(50% * Morale) go to the Faction preferred by the first Commander in their chain of command. Remainder of the votes are determined by how the tide of battle feels to be going from the perspective of the Soldiers.

Depending on the following the Soldiers will prefer the following profiles

- Conquest rating low => Mind
- Conquest rating high=> Fist
- Casualty rating low => Fist
- Casualty rating high => Heart
- Word rating low => Democracy
- Word rating high => Autocracy

Leader's vote

A leader will always vote for his/her own Faction (or the best similarity score if not a Faction member).

Minority – Majority effects on vote

If the Regime's ratings on QOL, Size, casualties or Popularity improved during the last elections, the Majority Faction(s) get a bonus in the election. If the inverse is the case, the Minority Factions get a bonus in the elections.

Faction Support

Support denotes that the Faction is receiving political support as well as information and resources that will enable it to do its job more efficiently. It is possible to give your own Factions or Factions of other Regimes an amount of Support Points by using Stratagem to support them during the elections. A maximum 400 Support Points are taken into account, which translate into more or less doubling the Factions vote.

Politburo Seniority Effects

Note that if your Political Body is a Politburo, the voting is not fair. No surprise there... The influence (they don't actually technically vote by raising hands) exercised by each Cabinet member in sending of trustees to the Politburo is weighted for their Seniority level.

5.6.12.3. POLITICAL SYSTEM CHANGE

Your Regime Feat Parliament, Senate or Politburo can change based on who you are allowing to participate.

A Parliament changes to a Senate once neither your Population, Workers or Soldiers have the right to vote.

A Senate changes to a Politburo upon you have restricted the right to vote to your Cabinet.

A politburo changes to a Senate or Parliament once the vote has been extended outside of your Cabinet.

You can have a Class based or a Representational voting system. This is only of interest if you have a Parliament. In a representational system, it is one man one vote. In a class-based system, the Population's vote determines 25% of the seats, the Workers' vote determines 25% of the seats, the Soldiers' vote determines 25% of the seats and your Leader's vote determines 25% of the seats. It is possible to take away the voting rights of certain classes, which makes the class-based voting system an interesting choice for political engineering.

If you have certain Regime Profile values, certain Political System changes will eventually be proposed.

CHANGE PROPOSED	RELATED PROFILE
Take Pop vote away	demo<30, merito>=50 auto >=50
Take Worker vote away	demo<30, merito>=50 auto >=50
Take Soldiers vote away	demo<30, merito>=50 auto >=50
Give Pop vote	demo>=50 , merito<30 & auto<30
Give Worker vote	demo>=50 , merito<30 & auto<30
Give Soldier vote	demo>=50 , merito<30 & auto<30
Take Leaders vote	merito<30, auto>=50
Give Leaders vote	merito>=50, auto<30
Introduce Class-based voting	enforcement>=50 government<30
Introduce Representational voting	commerce<30, government>=50

5.6.13. MINOR MECHANICS

Minors have a number of special mechanics active.

5.6.13.1. MINOR MILITIA GROWTH

This is normally based on their Cultures Militancy Score. However, some Cultures get "Militia" growth by killing/consuming or selling the habitants of the Zone. This last category includes Arachnids, Mutants and Slavers.

Furthermore, human Cultures can spend any Credits they might have to buy more Militia.

Higher game Difficulty levels will give Minors greater Militia Growth.

5.6.13.2. NO CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

If the Minor Culture is non-human or inclined to kill or sell the population, the population will not adjust to their new masters.

5.6.13.3. DIPLOMATIC AVERSION

Some Minor Cultures will never participate in Diplomacy, either because they don't want to or because they cannot. Cultures who don't do diplomacy include AIs and Arachnids, but also Slavers and Nomads.

5.6.13.4. DEMANDS AND REQUESTS

Minors can approach you with demands and requests of a varying nature. It can be threats of war... blackmail... selling of slaves... etc...

5.6.14. REGIME RELATIONS

You have a Relation Score for each Regime you are aware of. You can influence this Relation by playing Stratagems and responding to diplomatic Decisions. And so can the AI.

5.6.14.1. MINOR REGIMES RELATIONS

A Minor Regime can have three possible core states. It is either Independent, Protected or a Client State.

Protected Status

A Minor Regime can only have one protector.

If you are the protector, the Minor Regime will no longer perform any negative acts towards you.

If a protected Minor is attacked by another Major Regime then it will join your Regime.

Client State

The Minor will no longer do any diplomacy at all and will send you some Credits every turn.

Joining You

Joining your Regime means the Minor Regime will completely disappear of its own accord. A join might be the effect of a Minor that is protected by you, or your client state, being attacked by another Major Regime.

Once a join goes into effect:

- All their Units will switch to friendly Militia Units
- Their Militancy level will be set at your Relation level
- The Leader of the old Minor will become the Zone Governor with loyalty equal to your Relation level

Declaring War on a Minor

First of all, this might lead you to declaring war on a Major as well if the Minor has a Protector or is a Client State of another Major.

Here follow the other repercussions of declaring war on a Minor:

RELATION WITH MINOR	HAP. REP.	LOYALTY REP.	POLITICAL REP.	FIST PROFILE
0-30	-	-	-	+3%
31-40	-	-	-	+6%
41-50	-	-	-	+9%
51-70	1d10	-	-	+12%
71-90	1d10	-	-	+15%
91-100	2d10	1d10	-	+18%
You are the Protector	4d10	2d10	2d10	+5%
Minor is your Client state	6d10	4d10	4d10	+10%

5.6.14.2. MAJOR REGIMES RELATIONS

What you need to keep an eye on concerning your Major Regime neighbours is your Relation level with them and the relation Status. Both give you a hint of how likely it is you'll find yourself at war with them.

To be reasonably sure war will not break out try to keep the Relation level at least above 30. Furthermore, try to avoid the relation Status turns to Hostile. A Hostile status is a very serious warning sign war might break out really soon.

AI internal politics

Each AI Major Regime Culture can have one of three Factions in power. Depending on which Faction rules their Regime they'll have different tendencies.

The relation Status

You might want your Relation level higher or lower, or you might want to sign agreements or pacts with a Major Regime, but the AI controlling a Major AI has its own attitude. This is shown through the relation Status. The following Status exist:

Allies

AI would like to be Allies. This means it is very willing to start signing pacts.

Friends

AI would like to be Friends and will probably be happy to sign a good number of agreements with you.

Cold

AI is not particularly interested in signing any agreements with you. And is not particularly fond of you either. However, it is not Hostile, so it will probably not go to war.

Blackmail

The AI sees you as a potential target of extortion. This is not good, but at least means it has no immediate plans to go to war with you. With the emphasis on “no immediate”. Watch your back!

Hostile

The AI sees you as a Regime that it will find itself at war with. Rather sooner than later.

Deals and pacts

It is possible (by play of diplomatic Stratagems) to make deals and pacts with another Major Regime. These allows different Levels of communication, trade, scientific cooperation and military pacts:

Communication Level

Level 1 is Open Communication Lines. It allows you to actually propose all other deals and pacts.

Level 2 is having embassies in each other's Capitols. It increases your Recon on the other Regime.

Level 3 is establishing cultural exchanges. It further increases your Recon, but not much else. Highly symbolic.

Trade deal Level

Level 1 actually allows trade between your Regimes. If no Level 1 trade deal is struck, there will be some illegal trade, but it will be very limited.

Level 2 is Free trade and makes it impossible to impose Tariffs on cross-border trade for both sides.

Level 3 is Free movement and makes it much, much easier for Population to relocate from one Regime to another.

Scientific deal Level

Level 1 is Scientific cooperation which allows both sides to gain discoveries from the other side.

Level 2 is Scientific exchange which will allow actual research points to be given from one side to another but only if the Regime with the higher research is 50 points ahead in the field in question.

Level 3 is Scientific joint effort and will actually share all research progress.

Military pact Level

Level 1 is a Non-Aggression pact. In theory it disallows Declaring War on the other. But in reality this is still possible, but at a high cost for the one Declaring War.

Level 2 is a Friendship pact. Here you'll automatically become the enemy of their enemies and vice-versa.

Level 3 is very special. It is the Victory pact. With this Level active it is possible to attain a Joint Victory and win the game as Allies.

5.6.14.3. DECLARING WAR

You always have the option to invade another Regime. Even if you have a Non-Aggression pact in place. You can break your promises. However... invading a Regime with which you have a good Relation or a pact in place will have severe repercussions.

Your Populace, Leaders and Troops are not robots and they will follow you to a lesser degree if they do not agree with your invasion.

In general, it is a good idea to first reduce the Relation with another Regime before declaring war on it.

Declaring War on a Major

This can have much more severe repercussions than invading a Minor:

RELATION WITH MAJOR	HAPPINESS REP.	LOYALTY REP.	POLITICAL REP.	FIST PROFILE
0-10	-	-	-	+3%
11-20	-	-	-	+6%
21-30	-	-	-	+9%
31-40	1d10	-	-	+12%
41-50	1d10	-	-	+15%
51-60	2d10	1d10	-	+18%
61-70	4d10	1d10	-	+21%
71-80	8d10	2d10	1d10	+24%
81-90	12d10	4d10	1d10	+27%
91-100	16d10	8d10	2d10	+30%
You have a non- aggression pact	8d10	6d10	6d10	+15%
You have a Friendship pact	10d10	8d10	9d10	+20%
You have a Victory pact	12d10	10d10	12d10	+25%

High Autocracy reduces repercussions

Because declaring war befits your ideology, your followers are not going to be surprised nor outraged at whimsical behavior. Even putting a knife in an ally's back will be considered (your) business as usual. An Autocracy Profile above 40 reduces the repercussions of declaring war. At Autocracy 60 the repercussions are halved and at Autocracy 80 or higher there are no repercussions at all.

Repercussions explained

The Fist Profile change is straightforward and increases your Aggression with a certain percentage.

The Happiness, Loyalty and Political Repercussions in the table above give the following effects:

Happiness Repercussion

The total value of your repercussion dice will translate in an equal percentage decrease of:

- Population Happiness
- Worker Happiness
- Leader Relation
- Soldier Morale

Loyalty Repercussion

The total value of your repercussion dice will translate in an equal percentage decrease of:

- Population loyalty
- Leader loyalty

Political Repercussion

The total value of these dice will translate in a percentage decrease of your:

- Word score

And an increase in absolute percentage points of your:

- Prestige Damage

5.7. STRATAGEMS

Stratagems are special ploys that you can play on your own Regime, a Zone, a HQ, a Leader or another Regime.

Stratagems can be produced by Organizations and will require some cost to be paid (in Credits, FP or PP) when executed.

A Stratagem will, in principle, be executed by the Leader in charge of the Organization that has produced the Stratagem. However, there are two exceptions. If a Stratagem has been produced by the Supreme Command Council but the dedicated council for the Stratagem is also present, the Director for the dedicated council will play the Stratagem. The other exception is with Stratagems that target friendly Zones, if this is the case the Governor of the Zone will play the Stratagem.

Stratagems can give you important advantages and subtle (or sometimes less subtle) ways to change your destiny.

5.7.1. SUPREME COMMAND COUNCIL STRATAGEMS

The Supreme Command Council is special as it is always present at start of game. It is capable of producing a limited subset of Stratagems from the other Councils.

It allows you to have some minimal Stratagem capability even if you are not creating any other Organizations.

Here follows a list of all Stratagems the Supreme Command Council can produce.

STRATAGEM	DEDICATED COUNCIL FOR THE STRATAGEM
Open Contact	Foreign Affairs Council
Expel Diplomats	Foreign Affairs Council
Trade	Foreign Affairs Council
Limit Trade	Foreign Affairs Council
Scientific Cooperation	Foreign Affairs Council
Limit Science Coop.	Foreign Affairs Council
Non-aggression pact	Foreign Affairs Council
Cancel pact Clause	Foreign Affairs Council
Gift 400 Credits	Foreign Affairs Council
Ask For Help	Foreign Affairs Council
Shadow Spy	Secret Service Council
Shadow Diplomat	Secret Service Council
Offer Protection *	Foreign Affairs Council
Propose Peace *	Foreign Affairs Council
Send Spy	Secret Service Council
Recruit Military	Interior Council
Recruit Junior	Interior Council
Recruit Mercenary	Interior Council
Medal of Merit	Interior Council
Bonus	Interior Council
Defence	Staff Council
Blitzkrieg	Staff Council
Field Training	Staff Council

* Only playable on Minors

Most of these will be executed by a different Director than that of the Supreme Command Council if the specific dedicated Council for the Stratagem is present. These dedicated Councils are noted in the column to the right.

5.7.2. SECRET SERVICE COUNCIL STRATAGEMS

Here follows a list of all Stratagems the Special Operations Organization can produce.

STRATAGEM	REGIME FEAT NEEDED
Shadow Spy*	
Send Spy*	
Assassinate Leader	Autocracy - Submission (50)
Threaten Leader	Enforcement - Efficiency Goals (50)
Gift to Faction	Commerce - Free Market (40)
Investigate Leader	
Support Faction	
Send Spy Team	
Send Spy Ring	
Call to Success I	Meritocracy - Administrative Competence (70)
Call to Success II	Meritocracy - Capable Small Business (80)
Call to Success III	Meritocracy - Competitive Culture (90)
Call to Rebellion I	Democracy - Due Procedure (70)
Call to Rebellion II	Democracy - Civil Society (80)
Call to Rebellion III	Democracy - Voters First (90)
Call to Power I	Autocracy - Strength of the Will (40)
Call to Power II	Autocracy - Martial Law (60)
Call to Power III	Autocracy - Reign of Fear (70)

* Can also be produced by the Supreme Command Council

5.7.3. FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL STRATAGEMS

Here follows a list of all Stratagems this Organization can produce.

STRATAGEM	REGIME FEAT NEEDED
Open Contact*	
Expel Diplomats*	
Trade*	
Limit Trade*	
Scientific Cooperation*	
Limit Science Coop*	
Non-aggression pact*	
Cancel pact Clause*	
Gift 400 Credits*	
Ask For Help	
Shadow Diplomat*	
Offer Protection */ **	
Propose Peace */ **	
Embassy	
Cultural Exchange	
Free Trade	
Free Movement	
Scientific Exchange	
Scientific Joint Effort	
Friendship pact	
Victory pact	
Provocation	
Propose Peace (with Major)	
Gift 1,000 Credits	
Gift 2,500 Credits	
Offer Client	
Unification	
Annexation	
Ouverture	
Xeno Diplomat	
Xeno Diplomat Team	

* Can also be produced by the Supreme Command Council

** Can only be played on a Minor Regime

5.7.4. INTERIOR COUNCIL STRATAGEMS

Here follows a list of all Stratagems this Organization can produce.

STRATAGEM	REGIME FEAT NEEDED
Recruit Civilian	Democracy - Engaged Politicians (40)
Give 500 to Populace	Commerce - Opportunism (50)
Give 2,000 to Populace	Commerce - Opportunism (50)
Volunteer Drive	
Militia Enthusiasm	Enforcement - Discipline (40)
Patriotic Collection	Meritocracy - Martial Tournaments (60)
Cabinet Retreat	Democracy - Conflict Resolution (50)
Governor Convention	Government - Bureaucracy (40)
Wargames	
Grand Convention	Meritocracy - Capable Supervisors (50)
Bureaucratic Push	Government - Bureaucracy (40)
Efficiency Drive	Enforcement - Efficiency Goals (50)
Mission Impossible	
Medal of Merit *	
Bonus *	
Official Gift	
Commercial Gift	Commerce - Wealthy Friends (60)
Estate Gift	Commerce - Wealthy Friends (60)
Zero Retirement	
Bronze Retirement	
Silver Retirement	
Golden Retirement	
Give 500 to Militia	
Emergency Tax	Enforcement - Discipline (40)
Draft Workers	Government - State Companies (50)
Draft Colonists	Government - Workers Rights (60)
Draft Recruits	Enforcement - Strongarm (60)
Increase Sales Tax	
Increase Income Tax	
Decrease Sales Tax	
Decrease Income Tax	
Import Tariff Increase	
Import Tariff Decrease	
Export Tariff Increase	
Export Tariff Decrease	
Recruit Military *	
Recruit Special Ops	Autocracy - Martial Law (60)
Recruit Talent	Meritocracy - Accomplished Diplomats (40)
Recruit Senior	
Recruit Junior *	
Recruit Mercenary *	

* Can also be produced by the Supreme Command Council

5.7.5. ECONOMIC COUNCIL STRATAGEMS

Here follows a list of all Stratagems this Organization can produce.

STRATAGEM	REGIME FEAT NEEDED
Prospecting Push I	
Prospecting Push II	Democracy - Open Politics (60)
Archaeology Effort	
Private Investment	Commerce - Free Market (40)
Improvised IP	Commerce - Opportunism (50)
Attract Free Folk	Government - State Companies (50)

* Can also be produced by the Supreme Command Council

5.7.6. STAFF COUNCIL STRATAGEMS

Here follows a list of all Stratagems this Organization can produce.

STRATAGEM	REGIME FEAT NEEDED
Suppress Unrest	Autocracy - Suppression (50) Enforcement - Strongarm (60)
Razia	Autocracy - Total Power (90)
Forced Relocation	Autocracy - Strength of Will (40) Government - Workers Rights (60)
Pillage	Autocracy - Suppression (50)
Raze	Autocracy - Burned Earth (80)
Expel Population	
Defence*	
Retreat	Heart - Joint Struggle (60)
Forced March	Heart - Friendship (50)
Hold the Line	Heart - National Pride (40)
Recon in Force	
Infiltration	Mind - Tech Fascination (40)
Fluid Defence	Mind - Curiosity (50)
Small Pockets	Mind - Academic Mentality (90)
Field Training*	
Rush	Mind - Logical Thought (60)
Siege	Mind - Universal Truth (70)
Mobile Ops	Mind - Scientific Religion (80)
Entrench	
Economize	Heart - Band of Brothers (80)
Charge	Heart - Rallying Flag (70)
Fortress	Heart - Total Trust (90)
Blitzkrieg*	

Ambush	Fist - Warlust (50)
Defeat in Detail	Fist - Militarized Politics (70)
Shock and Awe	Fist - Total War Mentality (90)
All Out Attack	
No Retreat	Fist - No Retreat (40)
Suicidal Offensive	Fist - Fanaticism (80)
Glorious War	Fist -Esprite de Corps (60)

* Can also be produced by the Supreme Command Council

5.7.7. SCRAP STRATAGEMS

During a longer game you can end up with a huge pile of Stratagems. Some of them you'll never use and these can be scrapped. When you scrap Stratagems you'll gain Scrap Points which you can spend on crafting new Scrap Stratagems. These Stratagems are procedurally created and every time you generate one you might well see one you have never seen before. Note that every time you craft a Scrap Stratagem the price for the next one will go up.

Also be aware that the maximum Stratagems you can have in reserve is limited. Stratagems above the count of 300 will be scrapped without you being asked for your permission. (auto scrapping will favour Stratagems that have a high double count)

5.7.8. OTHER STRATAGEM SOURCES

You can thus produce Stratagems with Organizations. But there are other sources as well.

Faction Stratagems

If Factions are happy, they'll provide you with Faction Stratagems now and then. The Stratagems offered by your Factions correspond with the Regime Feats your Regime has. A happy Faction will give you Stratagems from Regime Feats that are in line with the Profile-likes of the Faction.

FACTION STRATAGEMS	REGIME FEAT NECESSARY	RELATED PROFILE & MINIMUM SCORE TO OBTAIN THAT REGIME FEAT
Double Shifts	State Companies	Gov-50
All for the Front	Efficiency Goals	Enf-50
Breakthrough Now!	Scientific Religion	Mind-80
Political Aid Truck	Engaged Politicians	Dem-40
Political Lieutenant	Militarized Politics	Fist-70
Militant Propagandist	National Pride	Heart-40
Crackdown on Unrest	Martial Law	Aut-60
Local Referendum	Open Politics	Dem-60
Worker Privileges	Capable Supervisors	Mer-50
Zoo Project	Curiosity	Mind-50
Commercial Project	Free Market	Com-40
Militia Project	Voluntarism	Fist-40
Insult	Esprit de Corps	Fist-60
Civil Delegation	Civil Society	Dem-80
Plea of Friendship	Accomplished Envoys	Mer-40
Investor Backing	Wealthy Friends	Com-60
Popular Rally	Joint Struggle	Heart-60
Co-optation	Private Careers	Com-80
Sacred Oath	Citizen Loyalty Oath	Enf-70
Hero of the Nation	Submission	Aut-50
Administrative Review	Central Computer	Gov-70

Artefact Stratagems

If you scavenge Hexes where you made Archaeological Finds, you can obtain Artefact Stratagems. These are almost always free to play and model the assignment of an Artefact found in an Archaeological dig to a Leader, Unit or Zone. Some of the Stratagems will be common others will be rare or even very rare. The rarity corresponds with the rarity of the Archaeological Find where they are dug up.

Fate Stratagems

You'll gain Fate Stratagems over time. Fate Stratagems are usually fairly strong and they cost Fate Points to play.

5.8. LEADERS AND FACTIONS

Leaders serve many purposes in your Regime. They lead your Armies, govern your Zones and direct your Organizations.

They can provide Skill bonuses and your relations with them influences how well they are doing what they are doing.

Keep in mind that it is always a good idea to have somebody in charge of Zones, Organizations and HQ Units. It is wiser to assign a lousy Leader, with low skills or low Relation then not assigning any Leader at all.

Leaders tend to group together in Factions to make their weight felt collectively. You can think of Factions as an analogue for Political Parties.

5.8.1. STATS

A Leader has core Stats that determine his personality and modifiers for Skill Rolls.

Stats
History
Compare
Skill Log



ACE IRONBORN, COMMANDER OF 1ST SHQ
COMMANDER AND LEAD

CONFIDENTIAL

STRAT CALL

DEMOGRAPHICS

50 year old male
 Relation: 71
 Loyalty: 50
 Seniority Rank: #90
 Suitability Rating: 27
 Technical Rating: 0
 Command Rating: 33
 Interspec. Rating: 44

PROFILE

Government +
 Heart +
 Militia +

**Humanist School
FACTION LEADER**

PERSONALITY

Emotional: 40	Egoism: 65
Heroic: 41	Witty: 35
Ambition: 43	Corruption: 0
Authority: 56	Theft: None

FEATS

None

STR	INT	WAR	CHA	WILL	GAP
26	42	19	32	44	II

SKILL	LVL	STAT	FEAT	TOT	SKILL	LVL	STAT	FEAT	TOT
Administration	0	In+0	-	0	High Command	17	Wa+16+0	-	33
Investigation	0	In+0	-	0	Operational Command	7	Wa+16+5	-	28
Trade	0	In+0	-	0	Covert Ops	9	Wa+16+4	-	29
Technician	0	In+0	-	0	Bribery	0	Ch+27+8	-	36
Medical	0	In+0	-	0	Diplomacy	0	Ch+27+9	-	36
Science	0	In+0	-	0	Leadership	10	Ch+27+4	-	41
Prospecting	0	In+0	-	0	Streetwise	17	Ch+27+0	-	44
Scavenging	0	In+0	-	0	Oratory	0	Ch+27+9	-	36
Agriculture	0	In+0	-	0	Intimidate	0	Ch+27+9	-	36
Inventor	0	In+0	-	0	Interrogation	0	Ch+27+9	-	36
Ecology	0	In+0	-	0	Improvisation	7	Vi+15	-	22
Survival	6	St+8	-	14	Deception	9	Ch+14	-	23
Defensive Tactics	8	Wa+8	-	16					

Experience: 359

A Leader has many Stats and Skills

5.8.1.1. RELATION STAT

The most important of all Key Stats is the Relation Stat of your Leaders. Your Relation level with your Leader can vary between 0 and 100. Above 50 you'll receive bonuses on the work the Leader is doing. Below 50 you'll receive penalties. However, keep in mind that if no Leader is assigned the invisible replacement acts as a Relation 0 Leader. So it is almost always prudent to assign Leaders to vacant posts.

For Governors, the Relation Stat impacts Public Resource/Item production levels, (like Food, Energy, Metal, but not PP or BP).

For Commanders, the Relation Stat impacts the XP (training) and Morale recuperation speeds.

For Directors, the Relation Stat impacts the progress speed of their Tasks.

For all Leaders, the Relation Stat impacts the Skill Roll results somewhat.

5.8.1.2. OTHER KEY STATS

These are the most important Stats. Always keep an eye on these.

Loyalty

If Relation is higher than loyalty, then loyalty will usually slowly go up. And the reverse is also true: if Relation is lower than loyalty, then loyalty will usually slowly go down. Low Loyalty (<50) combined with low Relation has a big impact on the chance if any unsatisfied Leader events will occur.

War

Measure of ability to wage war and direct Troops in battle as well as military related fields. Used as positive modifier on certain Skill Rolls. War is a crucial Stat for your military Leaders.

Charisma

Measure of leadership, ability to command loyalty and ability to convince people. Used as positive modifier on certain Skill Rolls. Charisma is a crucial Stat for the Leader that handles your Diplomacy. It is also quite important to Zone Governors, especially when they are confronted with incidents.

Intelligence

Measure of ability to design, manage and solve puzzles. Used as positive modifier on certain Skill Rolls. Intelligence is a crucial Stat for everybody, but especially your Directors and Governors.

Technical Rating

Is the highest Skill Level in the Technical Skill Family increased with the Intelligence Stat. This increase is partial if highest Skill Level is below 20.

It gives you a quick idea of how well the Leader will function as a Governor or a Director.

Command Rating

Is the highest Skill Level in the Technical Skill Family increased with the War Stat. This increase is partial if highest Skill Level is below 20.

It gives you a quick idea of how well the Leader will function as a Commander or Secret Service or Staff Council Director.

Interpersonal Rating

Is the highest Skill Level in the Technical Skill Family increased with the Charisma Stat. This increase is partial if highest Skill Level is below 20.

It gives you a quick idea how the Leader will function as Foreign Affairs Council Director.

But it is also an important indicator how well a Governor could handle emergencies and events that require his/her intervention.

Seniority Rank

This is a relative measure. The rank can be between 0 and 100. If at 100, it means this Leader is the most senior Leader in your service. Relieving Leaders of their functions impacts the Relation of all your Leaders. A Leader with high Seniority has much more impact on the others than one with low Seniority. Seniority is slowly build up depending on the Job Prestige of the Job you assigned them to.

Corruption Level

Ideally this should be at 0. However, it can rise if Relation is not optimal (chance starts to be significant below 70) and their Egoism Personality level is high. It denotes a certain level of openness to pursue personal goals at the expense of the Regime's goals. The Corruption Level signifies the percentage chance of this happening in a specific turn. Keep in mind, it is normal for almost all Leaders to sometimes be tempted to work for some personal gain. Corruption Level can go down again as well. A positive Corruption Level does not mean the Leader is actually engaged in Corruption. If they did any such activity it will be shown as "known theft".

Faction Membership

A Leader can be a member of even the person in charge of a Faction. See Faction paragraph for more information.

Natural Relation Point

A complicated calculation that takes into account many factors. The Relation you have with a Leader always tend to fall or rise towards the National Relation Point. However, it will fall quicker than it will rise and ambitious Leaders might not see any rise at all.

Elements used in calculation are:

- Loyalty
- Ambition versus Prestige of Job
- Average Unit Morale (if Commander)
- Zone Happiness (if Governor)
- Likes and Dislikes, low egoism helps diminish the effects of Profile conflicts
- Advisor Friction
- Salary Effects, altruistic leaders less motivated by monetary reward while egomaniacs demand ever more, optimal effect at Egoism=50, effect reduces moving towards 0 or 100.
- Faction Happiness, higher Faction Happiness increases the Natural Relation Point
- Your own Word Score modifies the result, but more so for high heroism and low ambition Leaders

Experience Points (XP)

When you first meet a Leader, he or she will already have some Experience Points. These are the points that have been spent on his or her Skills.

As your Leaders are involved in decisions, combat or just doing their regular work their XP will go up.

New XP will be spent on improving Skill Levels. The Skills the Leader will improve with these points will usually be the ones he has been using.

Advisors continue earning XP, but normally less than the Leader they are embedded with.

In Combat, successful attacks or successfully holding a Hex will give more XP than failed offensives and losing Hexes to enemy attack.

SHQ Commanders will benefit less than OHQ from XP gain through Combat on a Combat-per-Combat basis, but once you'll have a big army with lots of OHQs the SHQ Commander will be involved in many more battles than each of the OHQ Commanders and it is highly probable your SHQ Commander will quickly become very experienced.

Other XP sources include Skill Rolls.

5.8.1.3. MINOR STATS

These have function as well, but they'll be very specific or less often used during game.

Strength

Measure of physical and mental force as well as constitution and stamina. Used as positive modifier on certain Skill Rolls.

Willpower

Measure of ability to not be manipulated or blackmailed by others. It also denotes strong defence against fear and social pressure. Used as positive modifier on certain Skill Rolls.

Personality: Emotional

Value from 0 to 100. The higher this value the more emotional the Leader is. The lower the more logical the Leader is. At the moment this is mostly an aesthetic Stat, but it does impact potential friction with an Advisor. Furthermore, when they feel some of the Regime Profiles are moving in the wrong direction, it might increase the chance of this Leader taking the law into his/her own hand.

Personality: Heroic

Value from 0 to 100. The higher this value, the more heroic and principled the Leader is. A Heroic Leader sees him or herself as somebody who sets the example and is irreproachable. The lower the Heroic score the more unprincipled the Leader is. High Heroic Leaders will be less likely to turn corrupt or to rebel against you. If they are unsatisfied, they'll probably just

say goodbye and leave in an honourable fashion. High Heroic Leaders are relatively rare.

Personality: Ambition

Value from 0 to 100. The higher this value, the more ambitious the Leader is. The lower, the more of a henchman attitude he has. High ambition can cause a more rapid decline in Relation after some temporary high. Low Ambition can cause more rapid increase of Relation after temporary disappointments. Furthermore, ambitious Leaders desire jobs with high Job Prestige and they take demotions very badly. Last but not least: ambitious Leaders have more chance of rebelling against you when they are dissatisfied. High Ambition Leaders are relatively common and there is a small positive correlation with the Capability Class.

Personality: Authority

Value from 0 to 100. The higher this value, the more natural authority the Leader has and the less submissive he/she is. The higher the authority, the more chance a Leader will follow his own Profile instead of the Regime Profile when making a Decision you delegated. It also impacts potential friction with an Advisor. Furthermore, when they feel some of the Regime Profiles are moving in the wrong direction, it might increase the chance of this Leader taking the law into his/her own hand.

Personality: Egoism

Value from 0 to 100. The higher this value, the more egoistic the Leader is. The lower, the more altruistic the Leader is. It impacts the effect of salary on their Relation level. Egoist Leaders are hard to satisfy, and their loyalty will increase slower than that of more altruistic Leaders. Furthermore, a high Egoism level will increase the chance for them growing Corrupt at some point.

Personality: Witty

Value from 0 to 100. The higher this value, the wittier the Leader is. The lower, the duller the Leader is. At the moment this is mostly an aesthetic Stat, with no real game impact (except for Advisor friction).

Capability Class

Classes vary from Level I to Level V. The higher the better. Level II and III are usually most common. Level IV should be rare, and it is not certain that you'll ever see a Level V in your ranks.

The Capability Class provides you at a glance with a measure of how useful this Leader will be. And most importantly its Class is also a modifier for XP Points gained through Skill Rolls. Level I gets no bonus on XP growth, but Level II gets +30%, Level III +70%, Level IV +120% and Level V +180%.

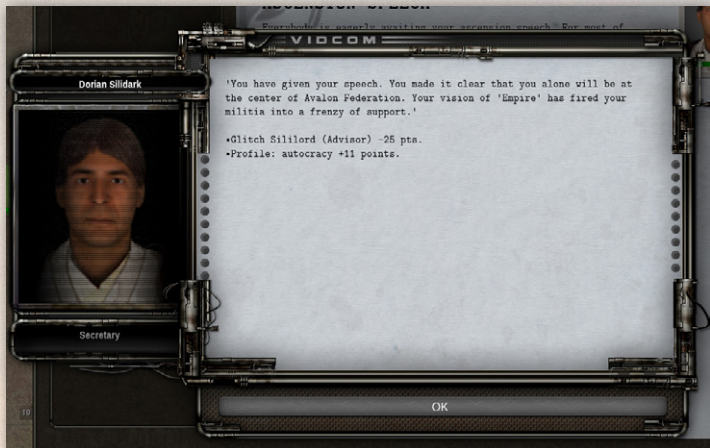
Leader Rank Titles

The Human Resource Task of the Interior Council can produce Increase/Decrease Rank (title) Stratagems. These can give Leaders a higher salary and more prestige from their job. Giving a higher rank title to a Leader immediately gives some relation effects. It also increases the Natural Relation Point for monetary as well for honor-related reasons. It also increases the Prestige from the Job they are doing.

RANK LEVEL	SALARY INCREASE	PRESTIGE FROM JOB INCREASE
#1	*5	+10 points
#2	*25	+20 points
#3	*125	+30 points
#4	*625	+40 points

5.8.2. JOBS

Keep in mind that different kinds of Jobs are considered more or less prestigious by your Leaders. Promoting a Leader to a more prestigious Job will improve your Relation with the Leader, while demoting a Leader will decrease your Relation.



A Governor needs to be placed in every Zone



Each of your Operational HQs (OHQs) should have a Commander

5.8.2.1. JOB PRESTIGE

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JOB	PRESTIGE
Reserve Pool	0
Governor	40
OHQ Commander	40
Advisor	70
Secretary	70
SHQ Commander	100
Director	100

5.8.3. SKILLS

Leaders can have a small or large selection of Skills they have mastered. There are over 40 different Skills a Leader can have.

5.8.3.1. SKILL ROLLS

Skills are used for Skill Rolls. These are made during several mundane regular tasks, during combat, often when playing Stratagems and sometimes during decisions.

The Stat modifier (Cha,Int,Wis,War,Wil) on your Skill Roll depends on the Skill Level:

- The Skill Level of a Leader is 20 or more:
Stat Points + Skill Level + 1d100
- The Skill Level of a Leader is below 20:
(Stat Points * Skill Level / 20) + Skill Level + 1d100

The Leader thus needs to know the Skill at least a little bit in order for his/her Stat to function as a positive modifier.

If the Skill is part of a Skill Family, then the following bonus is added:

+ ((Highest Skill Level in Skill Family – Skill Level)/2)

Furthermore, the result of ANY Skill Roll will be modified by: -20/+20 depending on your Relation with the Leader.

A penalty of -25 is applied if your Secretary is making the roll.”

As well as any possible Leader Feats. These Leader Feats applied on Stats are also modified downwards if the Skill Level < 20. If the Leader Feats modify the Skill directly the effect is always fully applied.

Last but not least, there are also some Skills that can increase the roll of other Skills. Like for example 6th Sense.

5.8.3.2. SKILL FAMILIES

There are three Skill Families. The Interpersonal Family, Technical Family and Command Family. These group similar Skills and provide a Leader with one good Skill in the family with good Skill Rolls on all Skills in the Skill Family

5.8.3.3. SPECIAL SKILL ROLL RULES

If you have an Advisor attached to a Leader, that Advisor will make the same Skill Roll and if it's higher, the Advisor's Skill Roll will replace the roll. If you have a Leader functioning as a Secretary making a Skill Roll, a penalty of -25 will always be applied. This due to the inherent difficulty for the Secretary of performing non-secretarial tasks while being buried in paperwork and well... being the Secretary is not the same as being the Governor or Commander.

5.8.4. SKILL LIST

The Skills are grouped in three families and there remains a group of Skills that are without a family. Notably a lot of Skills useful in specific combat circumstances.

5.8.4.1. TECHNICAL SKILL FAMILY

SKILL	RELEVANT STATS	USED BY DIRECTORS WITH TASKS
Administration	Intelligence	All Interior Council Tasks.
Investigation	Intelligence	
Trade	Intelligence	
Technician	Intelligence Model Design Council	All Applied Sciences Tasks and Model Design Council.
Medical	Intelligence	
Science	Intelligence	Research Tasks of Military and Economic Councils.
Prospecting	Intelligence	Prospecting Task.
Scavenging	Intelligence	
Interrogation	Intelligence	
Agriculture	Intelligence	
Inventor	Intelligence Model Design Council	Discovery Tasks of Military and Economic Councils and Model Design Council.
Ecology	Intelligence	

5.8.4.2. COMMAND SKILL FAMILY

SKILL	RELEVANT STATS	USED BY DIRECTORS WITH TASKS
High Command	War	All Tasks of the Staff Council.
Operational Command	War	
Covert Ops	War	All Tasks of the Secret Service Council.

5.8.4.3. INTERPERSONAL SKILL FAMILY

SKILL	RELEVANT STATS	USED BY DIRECTORS WITH TASKS
Bribery	Charisma	
Diplomacy	Charisma	All Tasks of the Foreign Affairs Council.
Leadership	Charisma	
Deception	Charisma	
Streetwise	Charisma	
Oratory	Charisma	
Intimidate	Charisma	
Interrogation	Charisma	

5.8.4.4. SKILLS WITHOUT SKILL FAMILY

SKILL	RELEVANT STATS	USED BY DIRECTORS WITH TASKS
Survival	Strength	
6th Sense	Willpower	
Personal Combat	Strength	
Lead from Front *	Strength	
Endurance	Strength	
Escape Artist	War	
Improvisation	Willpower	Model Design Council.
Against the Odds	War	
Resist Influence	Willpower	
Demolitions	War	
Tank Tactics	War	
Gun Tactics	War	
Infantry Tactics	War	
Offensive Tactics	War	
Defensive Tactics	War	
Mobile Tactics	War	
Defensive Works	War	

5.8.4.5. BRIBERY

The noble art of making sure things keep running smoothly. Useful to maximize effect when forced to pay bribes or when you choose to make a donation to a specific group.

Used in: Major Regime Stories + Stratagems

5.8.4.6. DIPLOMACY

Diplomacy is all about balancing one's own desires with having some empathy for the foreign culture you're involved with. Improves your chances on numerous Diplomatic overtures.

Used in: Major Regime Stories + Diplomacy Stratagems

5.8.4.7. LEADERSHIP

This skill is sort of close to Administration. But where Administration is about the dull and daily work, Leadership denotes how well the Leader can cope in an emergency situation. It also denotes the impact the Leader can make on others, for example by pinning a medal on somebody's chest. If done by somebody with low Leadership, it makes less of an impression.

Used in: Danger Stories + Stratagems + Political Power Task + Morale of Units under Operational HQ Commander.

5.8.4.8. DECEPTION

This skill is very tactical by nature and often found with individuals who extensively travelled through hostile lands. Helps in defensive combat in Hexes that provide Entrenchment.

Used in: Defence bonus for Units under Operational HQ Commander

5.8.4.9. STREETWISE

The art of distinguishing between a regular citizen and a criminal. Leaders with this skill are also well versed in finding, understanding and talking to rogues and assorted shady characters.

Used in: Crime Syndicate Stratagems

5.8.4.10. ORATORY

Being a master in Oratory means being able to dazzle an audience with words. To talk straight what is crooked.

Used in: Proposing Peace, Giving Gifts to other Regimes, Quelling Unrest, Convincing third parties and giving a good speech of course.

5.8.4.11. SURVIVAL

If the Planet has edible wildlife then this Skill allows a Governor to reduce Hunger for up to 10K Populace and allows an Operational Commander to reduce Hunger for up to 1K Troops.

Used in: Hunger reduction

5.8.4.12. 6TH SENSE

Hard to define, but a very valuable Skill. It gives the Leader a sense of what is the right course of action in almost any situation. It adds a random bonus of 1 up to half its value to any Skill Roll.

Used in: Skill Rolls

5.8.4.13. INTIMIDATE

Useful to instil obedience and fear in Leaders or Populace.

Used in: Stratagems

5.8.4.14. PERSONAL COMBAT

Leaders don't often have to engage in physical or close combat themselves, but when they do, this Skill is crucial.

Used in: Avoid Assassination Stratagem, Avoiding death for Leaders who find themselves in Frontline

5.8.4.15. LEAD FROM FRONT

The Operational Commander with this Skill tends to find himself in a frontline trench or with the most forward panzer. It can give a Morale boost every combat round.

Used in: Combat Morale Recovery

5.8.4.16. ENDURANCE

Some Leaders just refuse to grow old and senile. Leaders with high values on this Skill are tough and strong and will stay with you for a long time.

Used in: Old Age Effects

5.8.4.17. ESCAPE ARTIST

Operational Commanders with this Skill have the uncanny ability to make their Troops disappear from the battlefield when things turn sour.

5.8.4.18. ADMINISTRATION

Most people look down on paper pushers, but in fact it something hard to do right. Leaders involved in day-to-day management and administrative tasks receive up to thousand times more data than they can ever consume and to properly respond the Administration Skill helps.

The Admin Skill also allows more Private Credits to be earned in the Hidden Economy (if roll>70) and more Private Credits to be earned by Private Assets (if roll>100).

Used in: many Stratagems, boost to Private Credits, many Organization Tasks

5.8.4.19. IMPROVISATION

This helps the Leader in question to make a Skill Roll on a Skill he doesn't master very well. If any Skill Roll is made on a Skill with a value of 15 or lower, the Improvisation Skill adds a small bonus.

Used in: Skill Rolls, Model Design

5.8.4.20. AGAINST THE ODDS

Used by the Operational Commander the moment one of his/her Units is about to panic. Having this skill will help in avoiding that and keep the Troops standing their ground.

Used in: Panic checks during Combat

5.8.4.21. RESIST INFLUENCE

Any Leader with this Skill has more chance to resist a Faction, changing your Relation with the Leader.

Used in: Leader Relation calculations

5.8.4.22. HIGH COMMAND

A very important Skill for SHQ Commanders as well as Staff Council Directors. It denotes all kinds of abilities needed to do strategic and high-level military thinking and decision making.

Used in: Combat, Readiness Recovery and Formation Discovery and Operationalization

5.8.4.23. INVESTIGATION

The ability to lead an investigation and to find out who the ringleaders of troublesome groups are. Also helps to give guidance to local security forces.

Used in: Unrest events, Zone Security Level calculations

5.8.4.24. TRADE

Helps Governors to stimulate Trade in their Zones. It is also a big boon when negotiating with Traders (SHQ Commander) and can give a good rebate on a Buy or a good bonus on a Sell.

Used in: Trading

5.8.4.25. TECHNICIAN

Leaders with this Skill have a good understanding of all kinds of mechanical devices and machinery.

Used in: Model Discovery and Design, Danger Events, Model Design

5.8.4.26. MEDICAL

Medical Skill denotes a level of competence in Medicine. The Leader with this Skill will be better able to manage health related issues and recognize and guide treatment of diseases.

Used in: Zone Health Level calculations, Danger events

5.8.4.27. DEMOLITIONS

A crucial Skill for an Operational Commander leading Troops against an entrenched enemy. By making proper use of explosive charges, this Commander can aid his/her Troops to reduce enemy Entrenchment.

Used in: Combat

5.8.4.28. OPERATIONAL COMMAND

The most important Skill for the Operational Commander. It denotes his overall grasp of operational command.

Not only used in regular combat, but also during some security operations that involve Troops.

Used in: Combat, Stratagems, Readiness recovery calculations

5.8.4.29. SCIENCE

Probably the best place for a Leader with a high Science Skill is to be placed at a Research Council.

However, Science Skill might also come in handy for Governors when they are involved with educational policies.

Used in: Research Tasks, Zone Education Level calculation

5.8.4.30. PROSPECTING

Seemingly a hard science, but in reality it is all about intuition and experience. Leaders with this Skill are able to locate hidden resources as well as give instructions how to best exploit existing mines.

Used in: Production, Prospecting Task, Independent Zone Prospecting Discoveries

5.8.4.31. SCAVENGING

To find a 100 square kilometre sized field of rubble is one thing, but to find those few spots where there are useful resources left is another. This Skill helps maximize scavenge returns.

Used in: Production

5.8.4.32. INTERROGATION

Especially useful for a Governor dealing with Unrest. By effective interrogation, it can be possible to find culprits and ringleaders and quell any rioting or strikes.

Used in: Unrest events

5.8.4.33. AGRICULTURE

Leaders with a farming background can be useful as Governors of agricultural Zones when they have this skill. They know how to manage agricultural installations and/or fields.

Used in: Production

5.8.4.34. INVENTOR

One can be a good scientist, but never have an original idea. The Inventor Skill is all about looking at science from a creative angle. This Skill will aid with making Tech Discoveries.

Used in: Tech Discoveries, Model Design

5.8.4.35. TANK, GUN AND INFANTRY TACTICS

After Operational Command, these 3 are among the most important Skills for an Operational Commander.

The use of the Skill improves the combat performance of this specific type of Troops.

Used in: Combat

5.8.4.36. OFFENSIVE TACTICS

This Skill is used by an Operational Commander for commanding the offensive operations of their Units.

5.8.4.37. DEFENSIVE TACTICS

This Skill is used by an Operational Commander for commanding the defence mounted by their Units.

Used in: Combat

5.8.4.38. MOBILE TACTICS

An Operational Commander with this Skill has a really good grasp of maneuvering and getting the most out of motorized forces. Units under a good Mobile Tactician can get extra Action Points (AP) points at start of turn.

Used in: AP calculations

5.8.4.39. DEFENSIVE WORKS

This Skill will aid an Operational Commander in entrenching his/her Troops. It denotes knowledge how to plan defensive lines, build pillboxes, dig trenches and plan fields of fire.

Used in: Entrenchment calculations

5.8.4.40. COVERT OPS

This Skill denotes the specialized field of covert operations. This is the must-have skill for the Director of your Secret Service.

Used in: Stratagems, Secret Service Stratagem generation.

5.8.4.41. ECOLOGY

This Skill denotes knowledge of the local Flora and Fauna and can help Governors with guiding local hunting efforts.

Used in: Production

5.8.5. EXPERIENCE POINTS

Leaders can gain XP the following ways:

- 5 XP per round, due to regular work, reflection and study
- 5 XP per story / Stratagem skill check used
- 1 to 4 XP per combat round fought (longer fights thus gain more XP)
- 10 XP for victorious combat or holding a Hex against enemy attack

5.8.5.1. SKILL LEARNING

Once a Leader is amassing XP, he will spend his/her XP on buying new Skill Points. This is completely automated and the Leader will be most likely to choose a skill he or she had to use a lot.

A leader will pick one Skill every start of turn he'll try to spent his new XP on.

There is a random aspect in spending XP on a Skill and the chance of actually gaining a Level.

The average cost with a Stat of 25 of obtaining 1 new Skill Level is 5 XP for Level 1-9, 10 XP for Level 11-19, 15 XP For Level 20-29, etc.

This cost can be reduced or increased by the Relevant Stat. Below a Stat of 25 there is a negative modifier, above there is a positive modifier to the chance to gain a Skill Level.

A Skill cannot grow to more than 2 times the value of its relevant Stat(s). Skills will decrease if they are to high relative to their Stats.

5.8.6. LOSING LEADERS

They can grow old or die in combat, or just decide to leave you.

5.8.6.1. KILLED IN ACTION

Commanders do not always stay in their HQs and tend to visit their Units in the field. During combat this can result in losing a Leader.

A Commander, if having a very high Heroic personality, can be considered to always be present with one of all his/her Troops. If minimal, the Commander will always hug his/her desk in the HQ.

SHQ Commanders have half less chance to be present with their Troops due to the nature of their jobs.

If the HQ is directly involved in combat, the Commander will always be present in the frontline, even if the Leader is a coward.

If the HQ is lost, the Commander has to make a Personal Combat roll to see if he/she can avoid being killed in action.

Governors can be killed in action if their Zone City is lost during combat.

Directors and Advisors can be killed in action if the Capital City is lost during combat.

Advisors are always killed as well if the Leader they are embedded with is killed (they are presumed to have failed the skill roll together).

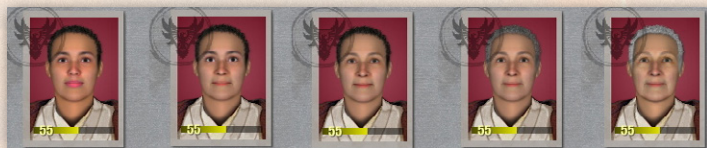
Losing your Capital is something you really want to avoid.

Your Secretary always survives. So do the Leaders in the Replacement Pool.

It is also possible your Leader will be killed during some story event, a Decision or due to a Stratagem.

5.8.6.2. OLD AGE

Though it is a dangerous world, some of your Leaders will grow to an old age. At some point the effects of Old Age will start setting in. The eventual effect of Old Age is always a loss of Stat points and an eventual retirement or natural death.



The grayer the Leader, the older he/she is

Old Age rules kick in at $50 + (\text{Unmodified Strength} / 2)$ years of age.

Once this age is reached the first 10 years the Leader has a 30% chance every birthday to lose 1 war and 1 strength stat point.

The second 10 years after the effects have kicked in every birthday the Leader has a 30% chance to lose 1 charisma point and a 60% chance to lose 1 war and 1 strength point.

If more than 20 years above the kick-in point the Leader has every birthday a 30% chance to lose 1 willpower point, 60% chance to lose a charisma point and a 100% chance to lose 1 war and 1 strength point.

5.8.6.3. RETIREMENT

Above 65 years of age the Leader will have $(100 - \text{Ambition}) / 5$ % chance to retire every birthday if his/her strength is below 20. And this increases to $(100 - \text{Ambition}) / 2$ % chance if strength < 10. If strength reaches 0 the Leader always retires.

5.8.7. PROFILES AND LEADERS

There are a number of choices you can make that will influence your Relation with your Leaders.

Every Leader can have its own political, ideological, societal preferences. These likes are expressed with the + symbol. A single + denotes a like, while a triple +++ denotes a very strong like. Likewise a - denotes a dislike, but a triple --- denotes a very strong dislike.

These likes and dislikes impact your Relation with the Leader. If the Leader has a like, but your Regime Profile is below 50 for that like, it will impact the Relation negatively. The reverse is also true and if the Profile would be above 50 it would impact the Relation with this Leader positively.

If the Leader has a dislike and your Regime Profile is above 50 for that dislike, it will impact the Relation negatively. And positively if the Profile would have been below 50.

The Likes and Dislikes also play a strong role in the Leader choosing a Faction to join.

Furthermore, a difference between your Regime Profile and the Leaders likes and dislikes combined with a suboptimal Relation can result in the Leader causing an incident.

5.8.8. LEADER FEATS

A Leader can acquire special attributes, assistants or riches during the game. These Feats can provide the Leader with a Stat or a Skill Roll bonus or even a Personality modifier.

5.8.9. INTERACTIONS

There are a number of choices you can make that will influence your Relation with your Leaders.

5.8.9.1. RELIEVING

They'll never be happy when relieved from their post. However, you can significantly reduce the damage done to your Relation with the Leader if you promise a different or better Job.

If you are firing a high Seniority Leader, the other Leaders will take a Relation hit as well. This effect is quite heavy for Leaders of the same Faction and quite light (only 1/3 of the previous effect) for others. Keep in mind your Relation with Leaders will go up again once you give the high Seniority Leader a new job.

Your Secretary is special and is more expensive to relieve and is also immediately replaced by a Leader chosen by your bureaucracy.

When you lose a Zone and the Governor did not end up KIA in the process he'll be classified as former-governor, meaning you still have fire him/her.

5.8.9.2. DECISIONS

A Decision can influence your Relation with a Leader.



This Decision for example made our Advisor unhappy

Any Decisions you did not make when you end your turn will be made by one of your Cabinet members or your Secretary. Keep in mind that, in theory, these Leaders should make the most “neutral” decision, but the lower their Relation Score, the more chance they might just make a choice that promotes their own personal agenda.

Keep in mind that actively Declaring War and reshuffling the National Budget can also affect Relations with your Leaders.

5.8.9.3. STRATAGEMS TO REMOVE A LEADER FROM RESERVE POOL

Sometimes you will want to get rid of a Leader.

You could wait till the Leader leaves out of his/her own volition. But that might be a violent affair in some cases. You can also retire the Leader by playing a Retirement Stratagem. The higher the Seniority Rank the Leader still possesses the harder it will be to do this.

To Retire a Leader, you must first get the Leader in the Reserve Pool. The following Retirement Stratagems can be produced by your Interior Council.

STRATAGEM	SOURCE	EFFECT	COST
Zero Retirement	Interior	If $1d20 > \text{Seniority Rank}$, it succeeds	10
Bronze Retirement	Interior	If $3d20 > \text{Seniority Rank}$, it succeeds	5 PP 250 Cr
Silver Retirement	Interior	If $5d20 > \text{Seniority Rank}$, it succeeds	10 PP 500 Cr
Golden Retirement	Interior	If $7d20 > \text{Seniority Rank}$, it succeeds	20 PP 1,000 Cr

Keep in mind that, if you don't make the roll on a Retirement Stratagem, the Leader might not be retired, but his/her Seniority will be reduced. A successful play of the Investigate Stratagem also reduces Seniority.

5.8.9.4. STRATAGEMS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS

There are many Stratagems that can be played on a Leader, but let's discuss an important category here. Those that improve your Relation with the Leader. Something that can be vital in some circumstances.

STRATAGEM	SOURCE	EFFECT	COST
Hero of the Nation	Faction with Autocracy Profile	Permanently increases Cha + 10 Immediate Relation +15%.	5 PP
Medal of Merit	Interior *	A personal visit and thus works even with altruistic Leaders. Permanently increases Cha + 10 Immediate Relation +25% Permanent Relation +1 Permanent Seniority +1	15 PP
Bonus	Interior *	Immediate Relation +10%	3 PP 100 Cr
Official Gift	Interior	Immediate Relation +30%	4 PP 200 Cr
Estate Gift	Interior	Immediate Relation +50% Permanent Relation +1	15 PP
Commercial Gift	Interior	Immediate Relation +50% Permanent Relation +1	5 PP 300 Cr

* Can also be generated by the Supreme Command Council.

5.8.9.5. SALARIES

Call your Secretary to discuss changing Salaries. Setting Salaries higher or lower for your Leaders will impact your Relation quite a lot.

Keep in mind that Salary settings have less impact on highly Egoistic Leaders who will be hard to satisfy.

If you are wondering why the Salaries for Leaders are so much higher than for Workers... this has to do with the nature of the society. A Leader has expenses way beyond those of the common people. A Leader usually has its own entourage, a compound, a large extended family and plenty of other costs that come with his/her position. Or in other words: there is a lot of inequality between the high and mighty and the lower classes.

5.8.9.6. NOMINATIONS

Once a position for Advisor, Governor, Commander or Director has become vacant you'll be presented with a list of nominations (drawn up by your Political Body) to choose from.

This list is weighted. And you might not always find your favourite candidate on it. In this case, refusing all nominees might result in others next turn. It is also possible to Dismiss a candidate.

The selection of the candidates depends a lot on your Political System. Below are the weighting calculations for selecting nominees used by your Political Body.

CANDIDATE'S TRAITS	PARLIAMENT WEIGHTS	SENATE WEIGHTS	POLITBURO WEIGHTS
Relevant Skills & Stats	15	25	20
Ambition	2	4	6
Extrovert	6	4	2
Faction Adherence	25 * vote% of Faction	10 * vote% of Faction	17 * vote% of Faction
Capability Level	2	6	4
Seniority Level	10		
Has job promised	10		

Keep in mind, randomization also plays a big role in the selection. Every committee discussion has its own dynamic.

You'll get more nominations if you have more Leaders in the Reserve Pool. Roughly a squared function.

5.8.10. FACTIONS

Factions are groupings of Leaders. Usually, they'll group around some shared agenda. You can think of Factions as political parties. Though obviously a Faction in a Parliament is more like a Political Party than a Faction in a politburo.

5.8.10.1. FACTION LEADER

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Factions normally have a Faction Leader. This is the Leader that will address you to speak for the Faction.

Your personal Relation with a Leader that is also a Faction Leader will be impacted more by Faction Happiness than that of normal Leaders.

Faction Leaders can change and Leaders with higher Seniority Levels have more chance to become Faction Leaders.

5.8.10.2. FACTION LIKES

The same as for the Leaders. + Symbols note the strength of the like of a Faction. One + is just a simple like. Where triple +++ is a very strong like.

Usually the name of the Faction gives a strong clue to their major likes.

5.8.10.3. FACTION HAPPINESS

Factions also have a Happiness Level. This level is important and if high will provide you with benefits, while if low it will burden you with problems.

Faction Happiness changes when you make Decisions that concern Profiles that are in the Faction Likes and Dislikes.

Power Bases

There are the following Power Bases, which your Factions can acquire:

POWER BASE	LEADERS CONCERNED	PROFILES CONCERNED
Zones' administration	Governors	Heart and Commerce
National governmental	Advisors and Directors	Mind and Government
Military hierarchy	SHQ and OHQ Commanders	Fist and Enforcement

A strong Power Base can help increase the Ideal Happiness of a Faction quite a lot (or decrease it as well). The amount of this effect depends on the Profile affinity of the Faction with the specific Power Base. As shown in the table here:

POWER BASE STRENGTH	PROFILE <0	PROFILE 0	PROFILE +1	PROFILE +2	PROFILE +3	PROFILE +4	PROFILE +5	PROFILE +6
None	0	-2	-4	-6	-8	-10	-12	-14
Very Weak	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7
Weak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average	0	+2	+4	+6	+8	+10	+12	+14
Strong	0	+4	+8	+12	+16	+20	+24	+28
Very Strong	0	+6	+12	+18	+24	+30	+32	+42

The level of the Power Base is calculated by comparing the actual number of Leaders in key positions for a specific Power Base with the amount it should have if it had an average share. In these calculations the importance of the Jobs (small Zone versus big Zone for example) is taken into account. For National Government Power Base calculations, a small or a large budget does not matter, it is the prestige of running a Council that counts.

Ideal Happiness

If current Happiness is higher than Ideal Happiness, it moves up to 10% towards its ideal Happiness. In the reverse case (decline), it goes much, much slower.

This Ideal Happiness is an average between:

- Your Regime Profile's similarity with the Likes of the Faction
- The average Faction-member Leader Relation
- The relative prestige of the Jobs held by the members of the Faction. Especially their Faction Leader.
- Power Base Modifiers
- Word score can modify it with up to -25 to +25. Which is a big range. And makes Word an important statistic for the Happiness of your Factions.

SUBJECT:
CABINET OVERVIEW

FROM:
Minx
Wilkinfield
Secretary

Sir,

Your Cabinet is currently composed of 11 member(s).
Your Cabinet is seated at your capital city: Faultwhite.

ADVISORS

 Caleb De Niro Advisor (attached. Director of Military Research Council). <input type="button" value="CALL"/>	 Cobb Dutch Advisor (is not attached) <input type="button" value="CALL"/>
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SHQ COMMANDERS

 Leo Spicca 1st SHQ Suitability: 56 <input type="button" value="CALL"/>
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COUNCIL DIRECTORS

 Renata Nobisong Supreme Command Council Suitability: 34 <input type="button" value="CALL"/>	 Patricia Zirconman Economic Council Suitability: 70 <input type="button" value="CALL"/>
 Harry Lionway Staff Council Suitability: 30 <input type="button" value="CALL"/>	 Guy Arcturum Military Research Council Suitability: 00 <input type="button" value="CALL"/>
 Kaycee Leopard Model Design Council Suitability: 75 <input type="button" value="CALL"/>	 Reese Whitaker Interior Council Suitability: 17 <input type="button" value="CALL"/>
 Ullly Beteigeuze Secret Service Council Suitability: 17 <input type="button" value="CALL"/>	 Veronica Robinlord Applied Science Council Suitability: 59 <input type="button" value="CALL"/>

The most prestigious Jobs are inside your Cabinet

Impact on Leader Relations

The Leader's Profile similarity points are calculated with his/her Faction Profile. Then the Relation difference between Faction Happiness and this Leader's Relation is the % chance that the Leader's Relation will be adjusted towards the Faction Happiness. Either positively or negatively. The adjustment is more pronounced if Faction has lower Happiness than

higher Happiness and ambitious Leaders are less sensitive to Relation improvements.

The chance for this is double to happen for the Leader of the Faction.

The amount of adjustment depends on the Likes and Dislikes similarity of the Leader.

5.8.10.4. NEW FACTIONS AND LOSS OF FACTIONS

Based on the number of Leaders in your Regime, there will be a chance a new Faction will be formed. The more Leaders, the more Factions.

NUMBER OF LEADERS	NUMBER OF IDEAL FACTIONS
1-9	2
10-19	3
20-29	4
30-49	5
50+	6

The chance to get a new faction is 10% per round if you have more Ideal Factions than currently existing Factions.

The chance to lose a Faction is the same but for “calculations sake” the number of Leaders is fictively increased with 5. Meaning for example you’ll only have a chance to lose one of your 3 factions once your number of Leaders drops below 5.

5.8.10.5. LEADERS JOINING FACTIONS

Leaders without Faction membership can be recruited by a Faction.

This can only happen if the Faction has similarity in Likes and Dislikes with a Leader.

The chance a Leader can be recruited in a specific round by a Faction is also dependent on this similarity level.

Ambitious Leaders are also quite swayed by Factions that are successful in elections or that have the members with the most prestigious Jobs.

Leaders adapting to their Faction

If one of the Leader’s profile has negative influence on a Faction Profile or vice versa, it has chance to be diminished.

There is also a chance to increase the Leader’s Profile that their Faction likes.

These chances are modified for Ambition and Heroic personality, the more ambitious and cowardly (less Heroic) the more likely the Faction is to change the likes and dislikes of a Leader.

5.8.10.6. FACTION DEMANDS

Factions are groupings of Leaders that try to promote a specific agenda.

If Faction Happiness is lower than 90, there is a chance that they make a Demand. The lower the Happiness, the higher the chance.

The Demands are always linked to one of your Regime Feats. A Regime Feat linked to a low value Regime Profile that is. A Regime Feat liked by the Faction is more likely to get involved in a Demand.

A Demand will most likely be made by a Faction that is part of the Majority of your Political Body (parliament, senate, politburo). In other words, only the Factions that did well in the elections are likely to make Demands. This is because it is easier to Demand things with a majority in your Political Body. A Minority Faction has 4 times less chance to make a Demand in a Parliament, 2 times less in a Senate and notably no difference in chance in a Politburo.

Their Demands can be very varied, but your Decision is always between (a) refusing the Demand and taking a medium hit or (b) accepting the Demand and become burdened with a problem you have to solve before a deadline.

Accepting all Demands might seem the cleverer course of action but the hit you take if you eventually fail to deliver on a Demand is much bigger than if you refuse the Demand on the outset, at the moment when it is made.

Maximum Active Demands

- If you have a Parliament, the maximum is 3 Demands.
- If you have a Senate, the maximum is 2 Demands.
- If you have a Politburo, the maximum is 1 Demands.

This means that the more democratic you are, the more you'll have to deal with Demands from your Factions.

5.8.10.7. FACTION CANDIDATES

Now and then, especially if the Faction does not have many (or any) member Leaders in the Reserve Pool, they'll suggest hiring a candidate of their selection.

Refusing this will lower the Happiness of the Faction. Accepting it will give you a free Leader, but probably not a very good one.

5.8.10.8. REGIME FEATS LOOKING FOR SPONSOR

If your Regime has Regime Feats based on a Profile that is not on the agenda (Faction Profile) of any of your Factions, the Regime Feat will start looking for a sponsor.

There is about a 10% chance per turn that the Regime Feat finds a sponsor. It can also increase the existing Profile of a Faction further.

5.8.10.9. FACTION PROBLEMS

Factions can become dissatisfied.

This can happen due to a Faction's Happiness dropping below 60.

The chance of such a problem being generated is modified downwards by the percentage of your Leaders that adhere to the Faction and the percentage they took of the last vote. So smaller Factions generate fewer problems.

The problems caused by a Faction can be diverse, but will mostly focus on an existing Regime Feat that the Faction feels strongly about.

5.8.10.10. FACTIONS DISAPPEARING

When you have too many Factions for too few Leaders, or Factions without members they'll disappear and fade away in the mists of time.

5.9. SPECIAL STORY MODULES

The Story Modules have been designed to be Modular. This is because we'd like to give players the option to turn them on or off.

Keep in mind that turning a Story Module on does not always ensure that it will materialize. But usually it will, eventually.

Below follows a quick overview of the current Story Modules:

5.9.1. CRIME SYNDICATE

You have a higher chance to have a Crime Syndicate becoming active during your first 10 rounds of play. But after they can still appear (or re-appear after being destroyed).

The higher your Enforcement Profile the less chance you will have that a Crime Syndicate is created in one of your Zones. From Enforcement score 60 and above it will never happen.

5.9.2. CORPORATION

You have a higher chance to have a Corporation becoming active during your first 10 rounds of play. But after that a Corporation can still appear (or re-appear after being destroyed).

The lower your Commerce Profile, the less chance to have a Corporation trigger. From Commerce score 30 and below it will never happen.

5.9.3. CULTS AND SECTS

This Story Module will always trigger on Round 1.

5.10. UNITS

Units represent your military forces in the field. There are several different kinds of Units you can find in the game. They range from highly organized to more chaotic groupings, but what they all share is the ability to conquer territory for their owner as well as having the ability to do combat.

5.10.1. NON-REGULAR UNITS

These are usually not under your complete control. If they are, you can move them around, but their Replacement Troops and Supply Items will be autonomously delivered to your SHQs.

5.10.1.1. ALIEN LIFEFORM UNITS

The Planet you are on might have (large) Alien Lifeforms that could impact your Population and Troops. If this is the case, some of the alien wildlife will form its own Units and (instinctively) defend their territories from potential conquerors.

Alien Lifeform Units do not need Supply.

The strength of alien wildlife is different from Planet to Planet, but usually it is quite an easy task for a modern military force to slaughter a horde of alien critters.

Alien Wildlife and Mauraders are both played by “Unaligned Regime”. However Alien Wildlife will tend to attack Mauraders if they find themselves in the same Hex.

5.10.1.2. MARAUDERS

These are unorganized bands of the more savage kind of Human survivors. They are usually on the move and they’ll not bother the local alien wildlife (and vice versa).

They do not need supplies. They might attack, you or pass you by.

They tend to hole-up in Free Folk settlements.

5.10.1.3. MILITIA

These are the Units of semi-organized private militaries consisting of volunteers. Their Units can only be put under command of one of your SHQs. They can thus not benefit from Posture Stratagems and OHQ Leader Skills.

Each Militia Unit belongs to a specific Zone. It is that Zone that will provide it with Replacement Troops from its Militia Pool when losses are suffered. However, Militia forces present in SHQ show solidarity with Militias from other Zones if they have the same Culture. This means that replacement Militia Troops from Zone A can be send by way of SHQ to a Militia Unit of Zone B. The maximum Militia size of a Zone is based on the Population number and Militancy Level of the Zone. There is no penalty for exceeding this limit except for initially decreasing Militia recruitment and eventually a stop of further recruitment.

If no losses are suffered by existing Militia Units, the Militia Pool forces will be used to equip and field fresh Militia Units. These will appear at the Zone’s City. It’s quite common for Militia Units to differ from each other as there is little respect for exact TOEs (tables of organization and equipment) in most Militia forces.

Minors start with their own equipment, the Stats of which will very slowly improve over time and will always keep to a certain R&D strength level. This is to model the Militias picking up on gradual Tech advances that are Planet-wide. They will never be at the cutting edge, but they will grow stronger over time.

Major Regime Militia will be able to produce (licensing and second-hand sales) their own versions of Models older than 5 Earth Years (30 Rounds) of the Regular Military. The Militias always tend to stay with the lower versions of regular equipment... Any Protectorates or Vassals you have do also gain access to these older Models due to this rule.

Some Minors can gain replacements by diminishing the Population in a Zone. There are slightly different rules for Militia forces depending on the Regime that they are loyal to:

MILITIA TYPE	SUPPLY	REPLACEMENT TROOPS	NOTE
Minor Regimes without City / Non-aligned / Rebels	Always arrives	Always arrive	These live off the land... scavenge, recycling, plunder. Their Troops infiltrate easily through the lines to send replacements or supplies.
Minor Regimes with Cities	With land connection to City over friendly Hexes	With land connection to City over friendly Hexes	Consider them to have unseen logistics and hidden centres of production and scavenging.
Major Regimes	Militia sends Supply items to City. (it will only send supplies for Units that have a land connection with the City)	Militia sends Replacements to SHQ. (it will check which are still in reserve before sending more) (it will only send replacements for Units that have a land connection with the Zone's City)	And it is your regular Logistical Network that will distribute these items to the Militia.

Militia using Regular Models

Militia can use Regular Models that have been created a certain number of Rounds ago. It can get access when new Units are raised, when Replacement Troops are raised and sent to SHQ or when Upgrading takes place.

In all cases a Regular Model is picked that is at least a number of Rounds old. 30 Rounds old by default. But lower for Feudal Level 2 onwards and reduced with -15 if you have the Militia Tech Share Law enacted with Republica DLC.

The actual Model used by the Militia is subject to randomization. But as a rule of thumb with Household Militia they tend to get more recent equipment available to them. The higher the Feudal Level the more pronounced this is. Without Feudal Levels the tendency will be to get older equipment, but one could always get lucky. When Republica's DLC "Militia Tech Share Law" is enacted the tendency for older equipment is gone, it will be fully random instead.

Existing Militia Troops Upgrading

The chance for a qualified Sub Unit to upgrade is 1%, but it is higher for Household Militia, here it is 2%, 4%, 6% or even 8% depending on Feudal Level. This chance to upgrade is increased if XP > 40. If XP in the 40s you get +1%, in the 50s you get +2%, etc.. The XP you need to get for receiving extra % chance is reduced for Household Militia, here the limit is XP>35, XP>30, XP>25, XP>20 depending on the Feudal Level.

Large scale Militia Units (like Regiments, but mostly Divisions) will be a bit slower in obtaining Upgrades due to their command and control problems, internal organizational inadequacies.

Newly raised Militia Units

The actual chance for a Sub Unit in a newly raised Unit to use Regular Military Models is 10%, but it is higher for Household Militia, here it is 20%, 40%, 60% or even 80% depending on Feudal Level.

Replacement Militia Troops

The actual chance for a Sub Unit in a newly raised Unit to use Regular Military Models is 5%, but it is higher for Household Militia, here it is 10%, 20%, 30% or even 40% depending on Feudal Level.

Militancy Score

The chances mentioned above are adjusted downwards for Militancy Score below 100.

5.10.1.4. MINOR REGIME UNITS

These are very similar to Militia Units, but they make up the military of a Minor Regime. They also use a Militia Pool for replacement Troops and creating new Units. Not all Minor Regime Units require supply, however if they do, they'll need a connection to the Zone City they came from.

5.10.1.5. REBEL UNITS

These are also very similar to Militia Units. But instead of using a Replacement Pool they depend on Events to get new Units. Rebel Units are considered to have their own hidden methods of supply using a covert Logistical network. Hence, they are always in supply.

5.10.2. REGULAR UNITS

These are your organized military Units. Normally over time the Regular Units will become your real military force.

They are either part of Formations (multiple Units and an OHQ) or they are Regular Independent Units.

5.10.2.1. FORMATIONS

Formations consist of an Operational HQ (OHQ) and a number of subordinate frontline Units.

Formations can be reinforced with a limited number of auxiliary independent Units.

Formations can have their own Commander in the Operational HQ and thus frontline Units of a Formation can gain substantial bonuses compared to Units fighting directly under a SHQ.

You can raise Formations of different Types depending on your progress in Discovering and Operationalizing Formation Types using the Staff Council.

5.10.2.2. REGULAR INDEPENDENT UNITS

These are also Regular, but they are without larger formation and are thus named Independent Units.

You can keep them directly under SHQ or assign them to Operational HQs to boost a Formation in a specific strength (like artillery or anti-tank).

The latter you can only do if the size of the Independent Unit is the same or smaller than that of the Formation Type you are attaching it too.

Regular Independent Units usually become directly available upon you having developed your first Model of a specific Model Type. For example: Once you have designed your first Light Tank Model the Independent Light Tank Formation will become immediately available.

5.10.2.3. REGULAR SOLDIERS' PAY

Soldiers should be paid a reasonable wage otherwise they might tend to have a rather low Morale.

Keep in mind it is not only the sign-up bonus that determines recruitment speed, but also the salary they'll be paid that has an impact on the Soldiers' Morale.

If Units pay is skipped in any turn, they'll lose 20% of their Morale. So always keep an eye on your Treasury.

5.10.2.4. BATTLE GROUPS

These are Regular Units, but of an improvised nature. Comparable with Kampfgruppen or Task Forces. They allow flexibility in their TOE (Table of Organisation and Equipment) but they have several downsides.

Galactic Republic equipment Units (GR) also enter your service as Battle Groups. Battle Groups can be disbanded for their Troops to return to SHQ and be redistributed to other Units as Replacement Troops.

Battle Groups tend to break when they suffer a panic retreat during defense. Battle Groups (but not GR equipment) suffer a small penalty on attack values (due to reduced organisation and to not give the incentive to put too many units in BGs). Battle Groups need at least 3 subunits to be transferred to be formed.

5.10.3. HEADQUARTERS

5.10.3.1. STRATEGIC HQ (SHQ)

These are of the utmost importance. The SHQ is the link between your economy and your military. The SHQ receives production (and Recruits) from the Zones and you can use those Items to send supplies to Units and to raise new Formations.

An SHQ should have a Commander. Its Commander can provide the High Command Skill Roll used by any Unit in combat.

5.10.3.2. OPERATIONAL HQ (OHQ)

These OHQs provide leadership to the Units in its Formation.

Operational Commanders

You should assign a Commander to all your OHQs. The Commander can perform a myriad of Skill Rolls when their subordinate Units are in combat.

A Skill Roll that any OHQ Commander always makes is the Operational Command Skill Roll. Depending on circumstances, the Commander also always rolls either an Offensive Tactics or Defensive Tactics Skill Roll. Then, depending on the Troops in combat, there will also be Skill Rolls for Tank, Gun and/or Infantry Tactics.

Postures

You can use Posture Stratagems to give a Posture to each Formation. It is highly recommended you do so, since this can give significant bonuses. But also be wary of any penalties given by the Posture.

To get access to most Posture Stratagems you need to have a Staff Council (Organization).

OHQ Range

For Units to receive positive effects of Skill bonuses (or penalties) the Unit needs to be in range of its OHQ. If HQ Power is 100% a good Skill Roll always works, if HQ Power is 0% it never works.

SHQ for its High Command Skill Roll is always in range.

Switching HQs

If you switch an Independent Unit to another HQ this will cause a 30% Readiness drop for the switched unit.

If you switch an OHQ to another SHQ this causes a 15% Readiness drop for all OHQ units.”

5.10.4. COMMANDERS

Besides Combat bonuses by Skill Rolls, Commanders provide many other benefits, including effects on Morale and Experience Growth.

Leaders can also die due to being present in a Hex or Unit that sees combat. Commanders can die while directing combat operations of their subordinate Units.

5.10.5. TROOPS

Any Unit contains a certain ideal number of Troops (paper strength TOE) as well as a number of Troops actually present.

Each Unit can have a number of different kinds of Troops inside it.

For each Troop Type in the Unit the following data is stored:

- Model
- Readiness
- Morale
- AP
- Entrenchment
- Experience
- Culture
- Veterancy Class

5.10.5.1. EXPERIENCE

Experience points are one of the most important stats of your Troops. They give a big combat modifier.

Your Regular Troops have one of the following Veterancy Classes: Green, Regular, Seasoned or Veteran.

Militia Troops have the same classes except for Green, Militia is presumed trained before being send into the field. Something you'll have to do yourself with your Regular Troops.

Robotic forces do not gain XP.

Veterancy Promotions

To have Troops promote from one Veterancy Class to another, you need a minimum number of Experience Points (XP). Below sets out the chances for such a promotion:

FROM LEVEL..	5% CHANCE ABOVE	10% CHANCE ABOVE	20% CHANCE ABOVE	40% CHANCE ABOVE	80% CHANCE ABOVE
Green	30xp	34xp	38xp	42xp	46xp
Regular	50xp	54xp	58xp	62xp	66xp
Seasoned	70xp	74xp	78xp	82xp	86xp
Veteran	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Free Experience Points

There is free Experience gain without combat up to around 20 XP.

This can be (much) higher if you have Experience Classes Regular, Seasoned or Veteran present in the Unit.

It can also be higher if your Relation with the Commander is >50 (and inversely lower if Relation is lower<50). Relation plays an important role in the willingness to make a maximum effort.

Basic increase per round is +2 XP, but this can be higher if you have non-Green Veterancy Class present in the Unit.

It can also be higher when certain Postures are chosen for the Formation like “Field Training”.

Veterancy Levels

These levels bring specific extra benefits. Notably, the benefit that the Unit with more Veteran Troops in it will be better able to train newly arrived green replacement Troops.

VETERANCY LEVEL	EXTRA TRAINING POINTS PER ROUND	HIGHER TRAINING MAX	BASE MORALE	EXTRA MORALE RECOVERY
Green	0	0	0	+0
Regular	+2	+10	+10	+1
Seasoned	+4	+20	+20	+2
Veteran	+8	+30	+40	+4

Note that Militia Veterancy effects are on step lower than Regular Troops Veterancy effects. Veteran Militia will thus use the effects for Seasoned Troops for example.

The higher the Veterancy Levels in your Unit the more likely they'll stay high when the Unit is sustaining low to moderate losses and receiving Green Replacement Troops.

For example, a Unit with 2,000 Veteran infantry loses 200 of its infantry and gets 200 new Green infantry assigned. The training XP maximum will be put at $(2/20 * 20 \text{ XP}) + (18/20 * 50 \text{ XP}) = 47 \text{ XP}$ and growth will be at $(2 * 2/20) + (10 * 18/20) = +9\text{XP}$ extra growth per round. So within 5 rounds, those Green replacements will be Seasoned due to the coaching and good example and instructions given by the Veterans.

5.10.5.2. MORALE

There is a Base Morale value and a High Morale value. Troops automatically climb towards Base Morale. And automatically descend towards High Morale. Robotic forces always have Morale 100.

5.10.6. UNIT FEATS

It is possible for Units to acquire Unit Feats. Unit Feats denote individuals or small teams that are aiding your Troops.

You can also receive Unit Feats through having certain Regime Feats as well as through Decisions and some Stratagems.

Each Regime Feat gradually supplies your Regular Troops with a certain ratio of Unit Feats.

If there is a spot available for a Unit Feat, there is a chance a new one will be added. Note however, that your Regime Profile Level for the Regime Feat supplying the Unit Feat influences this chance significantly.

- Profile 100 gives a 100% base chance
- Profile 75 gives a 50% base chance
- Profile 50 gives a 30% base chance
- Profile 25 gives a 15% base chance

The chance is negatively modified the closer you are to the maximum number of Unit Feats of a specific kind as well as for the total maximum number of Unit Feats (1 per Subunit (100 Infantry/10 Tanks)).

The important thing to remember here is that it can take quite a lot of time before a Regime Feat supplies all Units with its Unit Feat.

The total number of Unit Feats in a Unit cannot be larger than the total amount of Subunits in a Unit.

In combat, a Unit Feat embeds itself to one or more Subunits. These Subunits will receive and benefit from its special effect.

Unit Feats are attached to the Unit and do not return to SHQ when the Unit is disbanded.

Unit Feats can be lost when the Subunits they are embedded with are lost in combat.

Acquiring Unit Feats

You can only acquire a specific Unit Feat if your Regime has its Regime Feat, the People in a Unit are your Regimes' own People Group and it does not concern Robots or Minor allies.

The maximum number of Unit Feats present in a Unit is equal to the total of Subunits (1,000 Soldiers = max 10 Unit Feats).

Losing Unit Feats

You'll always lose Unit Feats if the Unit has fewer Subunits than Unit Feats. Furthermore, over time you'll lose Unit Feats if the Regime Feat they are linked to no longer exists.

Last but not least, any Subunit that gets killed in combat also loses its attached Unit Feat. The Unit Feats are not invincible!

5.10.7. SUPPLY RESERVES AND UPKEEP

No bullets, no offensive. No Fuel, no movement. No Food, no Soldiers. You really need your supplies!

At the start of a turn, your Units will demand Supplies from their SHQs and probably be sent some. After they will consume their Upkeep.

Most Units will be able to store some Supply reserves, so they can stand to miss a turn of Supply.

Supply is sent directly to Units from an SHQ or is picked up by the Unit's Operational Logistics on a road close by where the SHQ sends the Supply to.

5.10.7.1. AMMUNITIONS

At the start of every battle, the remaining Ammunition (Ammo) is parcelled out to the Subunits of each Unit. If there is plenty of ammunition available, no penalties apply. However, if there is not enough Ammunition the following penalties will apply:

COMBAT ROUNDS OF AMMUNITIONS LEFT	OFFENSIVE ATTACK POINTS COMBAT MODIFIER	DEFENSIVE ATTACK POINTS COMBAT MODIFIER
≥ 10	1	1
8	0.82	0.84
6	0.64	0.68
4	0.46	0.52
2	0.28	0.36
0	0.1	0.2

Combat rounds deducted from the stores is 2 less than the total rounds the battle lasted, but always at least 1 combat round.

5.10.7.2. FUEL

At the start of a round, the Action Points (AP) available are lowered if not enough Fuel to move 10 Hexes is present. Every Hex costs Fuel.

At the start of every battle, remaining fuel is parcelled out to the Subunits of each Unit.

If there is plenty of fuel available, no penalties apply.

Fuel is much less important for the defending side than the attacking side.

COMBAT ROUNDS OF FUEL LEFT	OFF. ATTACK POINTS COMBAT MODIFIER	DEF. ATTACK POINTS COMBAT MODIFIER
>= 10	1.0	1.0
8	0.82	0.9
6	0.64	0.8
4	0.46	0.7
2	0.28	0.6
0	0.1	0.5

Combat rounds deducted from the stores is 2 less than the total rounds the battle lasted, but always at least 1 combat round.

For example, if there are 2 combat rounds, you pay for 1 combat round, if there are 9 combat rounds, you pay for 7 rounds.

5.10.7.3. FOOD

If full Upkeep is provided, Hunger will be reduced by 50% and at least 50 points. If full Upkeep is not provided, the percentage missing will be added to the Hunger score.

However, the max Hunger score that can be reached is Food % missing * 300. The maximum Hunger score is thus 300 if you are completely out of supply. However, if you are still receiving half of the Food needed the maximum Hunger score will be 150.

Food Supply range exception rule

Also keep in mind the exception rule that Food is supplied at 100% of request even if the Unit is at the outer edge of picking up supplies. It is thus possible, for example, for a Unit to receive 100% of the Food requested but only 25% of the Ammunition requested.

Supply Consumption Percentage

Supply Consumption Percentage is equal to $100 - (\text{Hunger} / 3)$.

A percentage lower than 100 has a very big impact on combat efficiency. You should always at all costs prevent your Units from going Hungry.

Effects of Hunger

Depending on the Hunger score, the following negative effects kick-in:

HUNGER SCORE	MORALE LOSS	READINESS EFFECT	STARVATION LOSS
0	5 points gained until Base Morale reached	20 points increase	0%
0-100	0-10% loss	10-20 points increase	0%
101-200	0-20% loss	Lose 10% until 60 points, below 60 gain of 5-10 points	0-10%
201+	0-30% loss	Lose 20% until 30 points, below 30 gain of 0-5 points	0-20%

Once all Troops in the Unit have starved, the Unit is removed from the map (This however does not happen for SHQs, which can exist without Troops).

5.10.7.4. EXTRA COSTS

Extra Fuel, extra Ammo and extra Food costs or Food reductions can be caused by Postures.

5.10.7.5. BATTERY SELF-DISCHARGE

Units that have Energy inventory for their weaponry or electrical engines will suffer Battery Self-Discharge. They lose 10% of their ideal energy storage at the start of turn because of batteries not being able to hold all their charge indefinitely. This loss can be prevented by researching the UltraCapacitor Tech. Also note that GR Models don't discharge due to their superior Galactic Republic era technology.

5.10.8. OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS

Supply does not have to be delivered to the doorstep of a Unit. All your Units have their own Operational Logistics that they can use to pick up Supplies sent by an SHQ to the nearest Road Hex.

This Operational Logistics represents the Unit or its HQ having some Troops and/or equipment assigned to picking up supplies from a delivery point.

Units have an Operational Logistics Range of 100 AP. Which is quite high.

The number of AP the Unit is away of from the pick up Hex determines the percentage of requests made by the Unit that can be received. Up to 100 AP away from the source, the Unit will be able to receive 100% of its requested Supplies. At 150 AP range, it will be able to pick up 50% and at 200 AP or beyond, the pick up point is out-of-range for the Operational Logistics of the Unit.

LANDSCAPE / RIVER / RIDGE / CANYON / ROAD	OPERATIONAL SUPPLY AP COST
Plains	12
Low Mountain	20
High Mountain	40
Marsh	20
Forest	20
Heavy Forest	20
Tundra	20
Low Mountain Forested	20
Savannah	15
Rainforest	20
Cloud Forest	20
Urban	12
Agricultural	12
Dirt Road	10
Sealed Road	10
Small River	+10
Med River	+20
Large River	+30
XL River	+40
Escarpment	+20
Canyon	+40
Frozen Rivers	0

5.10.9. REPLACEMENT TROOPS AND QUALITY LEVELS

Yes, your Units will probably suffer losses at some point. If you have Troops in your SHQ, these will be automatically send to your Units that are in need of those replacements.

However, there are some special settings available that influence the dispersal of Replacement Troops.

5.10.9.1. QUALITY LEVEL OF MODEL AND FORMATIONS

You can assign a quality level to a Model by going into the Management Screen and going to the Model Tab.

The Quality Levels that can be assigned are:

- 0: Not Set
- 1: Obsolete

- 2: Low
- 3: Regular
- 4: High
- 5: Elite

Furthermore, you can assign per Formation and per Quality Level if they are Allowed in the Unit, or Tolerated or Disallowed.

Allowed: Will be sent as Replacement Troops.

Tolerated: Will not be sent as Replacement Troops, but if any are present they are not sent back to an SHQ either, unless they can be swapped with “Allowed” Quality Level Troops present at that SHQ. This makes “Tolerated” the ideal Unit setting for a Quality Level you want to slowly phase out from the frontlines.

Note that when this swapping happens it is treated as if the troops were being replaced and thus the soldiers stay in place but their equipment is swapped.

Disallowed: Is never sent as Replacement Troops and if any Models with this Quality Level are present, they’ll always be sent back to an SHQ. Quality level Obsolete is always treated as Disallowed. Be careful with using Disallowed as it could completely strip your Units of Troops. There is no subtlety with this setting. For subtlety use “Tolerated.”

You can set Quality Levels to be only Formation wide, meaning a multi-unit Formation has the same Quality Level for all its Units. An exception here are attached Independent Units which have their own Quality Level settings. These mechanisms allow you, if you would want to, to concentrate your best equipment on a limited part of your forces and keep, for example, garrison forces or secondary fronts with Models on a lower technology level.

Obsolete Quality Level equipment and Troops will always be sent back to SHQs.

5.10.9.2. REPLACEMENT PERCENTAGE

You can set at what percentage of Troops left (Integrity) the Unit / OHQ starts to ask for Replacement Troops.

Normally this is set to 100% and a Unit will always ask for Replacement Troops, no matter how small the losses incurred.

If you have many Units that need Replacement Troops, you can set some Units to a lower percentage (down to 25%) to prioritize others.

5.10.9.3. SENDING OF REPLACEMENT TROOPS

If a Quality Level is allowed to be used and the Logistical Points are still available, Troops will be sent from SHQs towards OHQs and Units.

Only Quality Levels that are Allowed for the Formation are sent to Units of that Formation.

5.10.9.4. RETURNS OF TROOPS

If a Quality Level is Disallowed and Logistical Points are still available, Troops will be sent from Units / OHQs back to the SHQ.

5.10.10. FORMATION TYPES

The difference between Regular Formations and Militia Forces is that the latter are just thrown together as seen fit. The secret of battlefield supremacy is concentrated and detailed planning and calculation to make sure the logistics and the organization is a fluid and optimized machine. That's why you need to actually Discover Formation Type ideas and then actively Operationalize them.

5.10.10.1. RAISING NEW FORMATIONS

You can choose to build a new Formation from scratch or to use Troops already present at an SHQ. Or you can opt for a mix.

You need to have at least 50% of the Items and 50% of the Logistical Points required to raise the full Formation.

Item cost

You'll need to pay the Recruits, Metal Items and Industrial Points costs of the part of the Troops you are constructing.

But you'll also need to pay their initial supply stockpiles of Food, Ammo and Fuel or Energy Items.

PP cost

Raising new Formations costs PP.

As a rule of thumb, Formation Types are more efficient PP cost wise than Independent Regular Units. And as another rule of thumb larger sized Formations are more PP cost efficient than smaller ones.

Building from Scratch

Uses best version of each Model Branch if it is in an accepted Quality Level for the Unit.

If multiple Model Branches fit the same Reinforcement Type, a mix is made.

Using SHQ Troops

SHQ Troops from a Model with Quality Level Obsolete cannot be deployed or constructed

SHQ Troops use Logistical Points to arrive at the target Hex where the Units are raised, but since they are already pre-produced, they'll not cost you any Items.

When using SHQ Troops, you can choose which Veterancy Levels to use.

Upon Raising

When raised, the Unit will use the Quality Level settings flagged upon finalizing the raise.

5.10.10.2. UPGRADING AND DOWNGRADING OF FORMATIONS

You can upgrade to anything in the Formation Type Tree that directly uses the current Formation Type in its prerequisite list and whose whole prerequisite list checks out as well.

You can downgrade to anything in the Formation Type Tree that the current Formation Type has in its prerequisite list and whose whole prerequisite list checks out as well.

Upgrading and Downgrading costs PP.

Upgrading costs the specified cost of the new target Formation / 2, but minimum 1 PP.

Downgrading costs the specified cost of the new target Formation / 3, but minimum 1 PP.

Immediate effects of Up or Downgrade

There is no immediate effect. But next round Replacement Troops will be requested and/or Troops will be returned.

5.10.10.3. MANPOWER REBATES

Trucks / APCs and Recon Buggy Model Types return some manpower back to SHQ after their deployment from the factory. This models the return of mechanics, instructors, logistics and factory teams. Thus defacto Trucks use only 20% of stated manpower, APCs and Recon Buggies only 33%. This rule also results in less manpower returned on disband and less food consumption. Militia trucks and buggies do not profit from this rule as they operate with more troops and retinue. The manpower rebates stated are averages and dice rolls are made so there might sometimes be less rebate, especially if you are raising very small quantities of troops.

5.10.10.4. CUSTOMIZING FORMATION TYPES

Your Staff Council has a Customize Formation Types Task. If you allocate BP to it you'll start amassing Customization Points. These can be used to call the Director of the Staff Council and instruct him to customize an existing Formation Type.

Customization makes it possible to organizationally deviate from the fixed Formation Types discovered and operationalized by your Staff Council.

Your customization freedom is limited. You will have to think hard about any customization you'll want to make as you can only make 1 change at a time. And at a possibly steep cost in Customization Points.

Both Individual and multi-Unit Formation Types can both be customized. Even customized Formation Types can be further customized. The latter however comes at an increasingly higher cost as you'll customize upon customization.

The player can customize Formation Types by adding Reinforcement Types to an existing Formation Type. Up to half its current complement counted in sub-Units can be added. So for example a Formation Type with 1000 Infantry could be customized to get an additional 500 MG, but not 600.

A limitation of this process is that the customization only affects the non-HQ Units and that you can not add Trucks or APCs to any Formation Type. However if a Formation Type that you are customizing already has either Trucks or APCs these will then be increased or decreased if you added Troops that needed transport. The maximum number of different Reinforcement Types a Formation Type can have is six.

CUSTOMIZING WHICH FORMATION TYPE	COST IN CUSTOMIZATION POINTS (CP)
An original Formation Type	4 * Operationalize BP cost But minimal 80 CP.
Already customized (once)	Original Cost * 2
Already customized (twice)	Original Cost * 3
Already customized (thrice)	Original Cost * 4
etc.	etc.

After you have customized a Formation Type it will appear in your Formation Types listing and you can raise new Formations based on it. It is also possible to upgrade on-map Formation Types of the original type to the customized Formation Type.

5.10.11. REPLACING TROOPS

If it is a Model that is “replaceable,” you can select a Troop Type in the SHQ that is of the same Reinforcement Type.

It is basically switching equipment around while leaving the Soldiers in place (respectively at SHQ and in the frontline Unit). It is a good way to get newer equipment to highly experienced frontline Units.

You need to have enough Logistical Points for this operation. The weight cost of the replaced and the replacing equipment is added up.

And the equipment will be changed around between the two groups of Soldiers, so each will keep their original Subunit statistics.

The logistics take the Unit’s Operational Supply Range into account, but the Unit needs to find a pickup Hex in 100% Operational Supply range.

Since different Cultures or Veterancy Levels could be present at SHQ, which could all be used for the replacement operation, the player needs to select which Veterancy Level to use if multiple are available.

At the moment everything except Infantry, MG and RPG can be replaced.

5.10.12. UPGRADING TROOPS

If it is a Model that is “upgradeable,” you can select another Model of the same Model Type you designed to upgrade it (note: target Model must be same or better quality level or without quality level set).

Upgrading is basically upgrading the current equipment to a newer standard. It is thus very different from replacing Troops.

The cost is the difference of the cost between the two Models + 33% of the cost of the new Model (excluding recruits though). It is thus relatively expensive to use “Upgrade”. Imagine a MG mkI costing 10 Metal and a MG mkII costing 20 Metal. Upgrading MG mkI to MG mkII would then cost 17 Metal. If you would not have upgraded and just bought a new MG mkII you would have had the same result, but the old MG mkI is still available as well, at only a cost of 3 Metal extra.

The logistics takes the Unit’s Operational Supply Range into account, but it needs to find a pickup Hex in 100% Operational Supply range.

At the moment only Infantry, MG and RPG can be upgraded.

5.10.13. DISBANDING AND SCRAPPING

If you set a Unit to Disband, its Troops will be returned to SHQ. The Troops (Subunits) itself will continue to exist.

Scrapping is much more radical than disbanding and allows you to specify a quantity to scrap.

These Troops will disappear instantly.

Their original Recruit Item will be used to add Population to the Zone if the Zone has City. If not, it will be added to its Hex (an adjacent Hex with a Free Folk settlement).

If the Zone has a City, the Unit’s supplies (Fuel, Food, Ammo, Energy) will be added to its Zone inventory fully.

And 50% of Metals, Rare Metals, Machinery and other construction costs will be recovered.

If a Unit has no Subunits left after a scrapping operation, it will disappear immediately.

5.10.14. MOVEMENT

Moving Units costs Action Points (AP). The cost of movement depends on the movement type of the Unit and the Landscape Type that the Unit is entering. The cost of moving can be increased by entering enemy terrain and enemy Zone of Control (ZOC) points, battle delay points, or Rivers without roads over them. The cost of moving can be diminished by travelling over roads.

When a Unit moves, it does so with the range of the slowest Troops it contains. The range of the slowest Troops can be increased, however, if the Unit contains Troops capable of carrying slower Troops.

5.10.14.1. MOVING INTO AN AMBUSH

It is possible that due to the Fog of War, you might move into an enemy-occupied Hex without your knowing it. In this case, your Unit will be ambushed, and surprise combat initiated. Something best avoided as you will fight with big penalties.

5.10.14.2. FREE MOVEMENT

If you have won a battle, your Units will be able to freely move into the Hex in which you battled without spending any additional AP. This is because the AP to move in was already spent in battle.

5.10.14.3. READINESS LOSS WITH MOVEMENT

Foot movement takes a 30 Readiness hit for 100 AP marched. Wheel and Tracked takes only 10. And this includes any infantry passengers along for the ride.

5.10.14.4. BATTLE DELAY AND OTHER AP PENALTIES

After a battle has been won, a Battle Delay penalty may be incurred for any Units trying to move into or through the newly opened Hex. This penalty takes place if a battle took more AP to win than it took the Units that participated in the battle to move into the Hex.

Battle Delay points simulate the delaying effects of an effective defence. Imagine that all the Units are moving at once instead of taking turns. If a Unit used all its AP to do something, it took the entire round to do it. This means that if, for example, at the end of a round a roadblock was cleared, the other Units had to wait until that point in the round to move. Consequently, they should have fewer APs left for movement.

5.10.14.5. ZOC

Moving into a Hex that was occupied by the enemy at the start of turn costs you 10 extra AP. Moving into a Hex adjacent to an enemy Unit costs 10 extra AP. If doing so while crossing a River, it costs 20 extra AP instead of 10.

ZOC points of Units you do not see do not give rise to extra movement cost. This is done to not give their presence away.

Units that are out of supply exert no ZOC.

5.10.14.6. CARRYING TROOPTYPES WITH A MOVEMENT PENALTY

Some heavier artillery and AT guns might well have movement penalties. If these are being carried by Trucks/APCs this movement penalty stays in effect, but it is offset by any movement bonus the transporters might have due to having powerful or overpowered engines.

5.10.15. COMBAT

The moment battle commences, all Troops are split up as Subunits (aka as individuals, about 100-man or 10 tanks per Subunit). These Subunits then battle it out for several rounds, each round costing 10 AP. The moment an attacking Unit is out of AP, it ceases its offensive combat.

If you want to know exactly who attacked whom, you may check the Combat Detail Popup. The attacker compares his attack score to the hit point score of the defending Subunit. If they are equal, there is a 50% chance of a hit. If the attacker has twice the points, there is 75% chance of a hit; if the defender has twice the score, there is a 25% chance of a hit, and so on. The attack score depends on which troop type is attacking with which other troop type. For example, tanks have different attack scores for soft and hard targets. A Unit will retreat if it has more losses than its Posture tolerates or because it has had so many losses that it panics. When all attacking Units have retreated, the battle is over, and the attack has failed. When all defending Units have retreated, the battle is over and the attacker wins. If it is a Ranged Attack, the attack continues until the attacker is out of AP.

When Combat starts the combat loop is started.

5.10.15.1. COMBAT LOOP

The combat loop basically plays combat rounds until either the attacker has retreated, been wiped out or is victorious. The combat round starts at 0 before going into the first Combat Round. The following things happen in the following order:

Add Combat Round

Combat round increases.

Initiative

Only in the first round every Subunit gets a random initiative between 0 and its initiative score. The Subunits with highest initiative will come first in every subround.

Check Capitulation

Only defenders have a chance to capitulate. And only if they are retreating or have retreated. If a Subunit's Morale is lower than 25 and Readiness is lower than 50 then there is a chance it capitulates.

Attackers always capitulate when combat round 30 has been reached. This can happen on very rare occasions, like with the so called "rebel combat."

Set Concentric Bonus

Every combat round it is again calculated because Units might have retreated in the first combat round and that might severely reduce the bonus given by concentric attack. The Concentric Bonus will be halved if Units from multiple HQs are involved.

ATTACK FROM X HEX SIDES	CONCENTRIC BONUS
1 Side	0%
2 Sides	10-40%
3 Sides	40-80%
4 Sides	80-100%
5 Sides	150%
6 Sides	200%

Combat Steps Loop

Do the actual combat for this round. All Subunits attack each other. See further down for a detailed breakdown of the Combat Steps Loop.

Check auto destroy

If a Subunit with the auto destroy property has done at least 1 attack, it is destroyed now.

Check out of AP

Depending on the type of combat, the following happens. If the attacking Unit does not have enough AP left to pay for the next combat round (10AP) it retreats.

Check Breakthrough

If a Subunit is not hit for 2 combat rounds and made at least one successful attack (a hit!) it will break through. Also, if the Subunit attacker has not even been targeted (let alone hit) in the last 2 combat rounds, it will break through. There is a chance the breakthrough fails if the attack is overstacked. The defender has no non-backbench (aka rear area) Subunits left, the breakthrough always succeeds.

Check Safe Retreat

If a Subunit started retreated in combat round X, it will have safely retreated in combat round X+2. In effect it suffers 2 combat rounds of possible enemy fire without being able to return fire.

Check Panic Retreat

If % of the Subunits remaining of a Unit drop below the Morale of a Unit, then there is a chance it will do Panic Retreat.

Units that have no avenue of retreat have their Morale doubled for this calculation.

If the Unit does a Panic Retreat but there is no avenue for Retreat for the Unit, all Subunits will Capitulate.

No Panic Retreats are possible in Ranged Attack.

Check Orderly Retreat

If % of kills + retreats suffered by a Unit triggers the retreat % of a Unit, then it will do an Orderly Retreat.

Units that have no avenue of retreat will not be able retreat. And will probably eventually suffer a Panic Retreat.

No Orderly Retreats are possible in Ranged Attack.

Check Combat Victory

Here it is checked whether the battle has ended. First the number of Subunits still in combat are counted on both sides.

- If there are no attacking Subunits left and still defending Subunits left, the defender has held.
- If there are no defending Subunits left and still attacking Subunits left, the attacker has won.
- If no Subunits are left on either side, it is a Stand Off.

Note that in the case of a Ranged Attack, the attack always continues until the attackers run out of action points, even if there are no defenders left.

When the end of the battle is reached, structural damage is given to Assets and, in case of use of Nuclear Weapons, also to the Populace.

Retreats

Unless no retreat is possible, surviving Units of the losing side retreat. Attackers go back to where they came from. Only defending Units that were stationed in the lost Hex will retreat to a different Hex. The Hex they will choose to retreat to will be the one in the opposite direction of the angle of attack. So if a Unit is attacked from the north, it will retreat to the south. A Unit can never retreat into a Hex that it could not move into with 100 AP.

5.10.15.2. COMBAT STEPS LOOP

This is called every combat round. In this phase, all Subunits will keep doing 1 attack each in order of their initiative sorting. Each loop cycles through all Subunits and is called a subround. We keep doing subrounds until no Subunit has attacks left.

Determine stacking

In every subcombat round, stacking is recalculated. So what might start as an overstacked attack might quickly, due to casualties, become an attack without penalties. The maximum stacking without penalties depends on the Concentric Bonus.

Maximum Stacking

For the defender, the maximum stacking is always 100. For the attacker, it depends on the number of sides you are attacking the Hex from:

ATTACK FROM X HEX SIDES	MAX STACKING
1 Side	100
2 Sides	100
3 Sides	150
4 Sides	200
5 Sides	250
6 Sides	300

Battle Stack

Keep in mind that previous battles may have left Battle Stack points on the target Hex and the Battle Stack points are added to the attacker's Stack Points, making it easier to exceed stacking limits.

Scroll through all Subunits

As already explained above, we cycle through all Subunits and then test for each one whether it can attack. It can attack if it has made fewer attacks this combat round than its statistics allow. Furthermore, the Subunit must not be in the process of retreating.

Find a target

Then (semi)randomly an opponent of the enemy side is chosen. Semi random because the randomness depends on the number of tries the Subunits statistics allow. If it has only 1 try in finding its favourite target, it is purely random. But if it has more tries it will pick the target it likes the most. A Subunit can only attack an enemy backbench (aka rear area) Subunit if the attacking Subunit has either accomplished a breakthrough, if it has artillery range or if its trying to counter-attack anti-tank guns (direct fire from far away) under the right conditions. Counter-attack against anti-tank guns is not possible if $((\text{Landscape Hide Points} + 15) * 1.5) > 1d100$ or if $\text{random roll} > \text{currentEntrench of AT Gun} > 50$. If the AT Gun is on the offensive side $((\text{Landscape Hide Points} + 15) / 2) * 1.5 > 1d100$. This means that AT-Guns will be strongest in Hexes where they can hide and/or are well entrenched. And be sure to provide AT-Guns with an adequate screening force. Furthermore, artillery capable Subunits cannot fire on enemy Subunits that have broken through.

Find preventer

It is possible the target Subunit is of a type that another Subunit from that same side wants to defend. This may lead to the “preventer” being attacked instead of the original target.

Subunit attack

The actual attack is now done. See below for the details of an actual Subunit attack.

Subunit counter attack

The attacked Subunit will now counter attack its attacker. If the attacked Subunit has already been attacked more often than its max attacked score, a counter attack is not possible. A counter attack is the same as a Subunit attack except that it is less strong and modified downwards.

If the Subunit is in the process of retreating, a counter attack is not possible.

5.10.15.3. SUBUNIT ATTACK

An actual attack from one Subunit on another takes place either as a regular attack or as a counter attack. Counter attacks are lighter in effect.

Determine if hit scored

Basically, it is very simple. The attack points for the attacker and the hitpoints for the defender are calculated.

The attack score is based on either Soft Attack or Soft Defense.

The hitpoints score is based on the Hitpoints (can be different depending on whether the attacker is an infantry type or not)

Then a large plethora of modifiers is applied on both scores.

The attack score and the hitpoint score are finally both randomized and will score a value between 0 and their calculated number, and if the attacker scores higher a hit is scored, otherwise not.

Hit scored

If a hit is scored based on the statistics of the Subunit attacking, it is determined if it is a Retreat Hit, Kill Hit or Pinned Hit.

Morale under 50 gives a chance of a Pinned Hit turning into a Retreat Hit (at 0 morale this rises to 50%), the lower the Morale the more likely. (basically a localized panicky effect on the individual sub unit level, not being willing to be exposed to more lethal fire)*

Morale above 50 gives a chance of a Retreat Hit being turned into a Pinned Hit. (at 100 morale this rises to 50%) (basically high morale allows more chance on an individual Subunit level to rally and hold the position)

Morale under 40-70 (depending on XP) gives a chance of a MISS being experienced as a PINNED hit. (basically a panicky risk-averse effect on the individual Subunit level: seriously overestimating the lethal danger of nearby enemy fire). This makes exposure to combat violence a source of Morale and Readiness attrition, for especially low Morale and to a lesser degree for medium level Morale Units.

Experience Gain Modifier

The experience modifier is for both your own Subunits and enemy Subunits. The modifier is minimum 0.1 and maximum 3.

Kill Hit

The targeted Subunit is destroyed. A Kill Hit gives the Subunit scoring it 25 XP modified by the Experience Gain Modifier.

Retreat Hit

A Retreat Hit gives the Subunit, scoring the hit, 10 XP modified by the Experience Gain Modifier. The target that is hit goes into immediate retreat and loses 50% Readiness and 10% Morale.

Robotic forces cannot suffer Retreat hits and such a hit will translate into either Killed or Pinned.

If the Subunit suffering the hit is the attacker and $1d50 > \text{Experience}$ and $1d100 > \text{Morale}$ then the Morale loss is doubled.

Pinned Hit

A Pinned Hit gives the Subunit, scoring the hit, 5 XP modified by the Experience Gain Modifier. The target that is hit loses 50% Readiness, 50% of Entrenchment and 5% Morale.

If the Subunit suffering the hit is the attacker and $1d50 > \text{Experience}$ and $1d100 > \text{Morale}$ then the Morale loss is doubled.

Modifiers

A large number of modifiers will be applied to the attacking Subunit's Attack Score and the defending Subunit's Hitpoints Score.

Commander Skill Rolls modifiers

OHQ and SHQ Commanders can seriously increase the Attack Score and the Hitpoints Score. See further below for the details of how their Skills work. They'll be used often and can be decisive!

Keep in mind that each Roll is only made once per battle and that roll is applied every time it is needed for the duration of the battle. This means that in some battles, a Commander will give more modifier than in others and it adds some further randomness to combat in general.

Item stocks modifier

The Subunit can get penalties if it is low on ammo or fuel. The penalties are more severe for the side on the offensive than the side on the defensive.

Attack start up modifier

Some Model Types have limited effectiveness in the first 2 combat round when they belong to the offensive side in the battle. For Tanks this is -37% for the first round and -25% the second round, for the others it is -75% for the first round and -50% the second round.

The whole objective of the rule is to model the effect of the fact that it takes the attacker a bit of time to advance towards the enemy positions and to reach a position where they can actually start effectively attacking the enemy. That is also why tanks have less of a start-up penalty than infantry.

Counter-attack modifier

If this attack is a counter-attack then a -50% penalty is applied to the Attack Score.

Max Attacked modifier

The attack score gets modified if its target has been already been attacked more than the maximum number of times it can effectively be attacked. Attacking it double the amount of max attacked results in a modifier of 0.5. Triple 0.33, etc.

Landscape modifier

The Landscape Type can modify the attack score. Keep in mind that the defenders of the Hex get different modifiers than the offensive side.

Weapon Type Matrix modifier

Each type of weapon (kinetic, laser, beam) has quite a different performance against different types of armor.

Calibre Matrix modifier

The calibre or penetration strength of each kind of weapon has quite different performances against different thicknesses of armor. As a rule of thumb, a certain calibre does fine up till a point where the armor of its target becomes too thick.

Posture modifier

OHQ and their Formations can be set to a range of different Postures by playing a Posture Stratagem on them. These Postures can have quite a big influence on Combat results.

Readiness modifier

The effect of the Readiness modifier on the attack score of the offensive side is huge and the Readiness % is used as a negative modifier. Readiness of 25 means a penalty of -75%, Readiness of 50 means a penalty of -50%. For the defending side only 66% of its attack score is modified by Readiness. For them, Readiness of 25 thus means a penalty of -50%. For both sides the Hitpoints Score is for 50% modified for Readiness. So, with Readiness 75 that means a modifier of -12.5%.

Supply Consumption modifier

The Attack Score and the Hitpoints are for 75%, modified for the Supply Consumption percentage. The Supply Consumption percentage is only below 100% if the Unit is going Hungry (or is robotic and out of Energy).

Experience modifier

The Attack Score and Hitpoints Score is modified for Experience. Each XP point is a 1% positive modifier.

Concentric modifier

The more sides you attack from, the greater the positive modifier the offensive side will get on its Attack Score.

Surprise Combat / Ambush modifier

If the offensive side walked into an ambush, the Attack Score of the defensive side is doubled.

"Rebel Attack" modifier

If the offensive side's Units appeared inside the defender's Hex by an event, its Attack Score gets a +50% modifier.

Orderly retreating target modifier

If the target is from the offensive side and is orderly retreating, the Attack Score will be divided by 4.

Panicking target modifier

If the target is from the defensive side and it is retreating in panic, the Attack Score will be doubled.

Entrenchment modifier

The target gets 1% point bonus on its Hitpoints Score for each Entrenchment Point.

River modifier

Rivers can give the defenders an increase in Hitpoints. The attacking Subunit however must belong to a Unit attacking from such a Hex side such that it does actually cross a River.

Overstacking modifier

Overstacking means having more Stack Points in battle than the Maximum Stack Points. If you overstack, your Troops will be more vulnerable and fight less well. You can overstack in defence as well as in offence. Overstacking makes attack and defence stronger, but at the cost of higher casualty rates.

Hidden Defenders modifier

If you have low Recon on the Hex you are attacking, the Hitpoints of some of the Subunits defending the Hex can be multiplied by up to 3 times. Keep in mind however during the battle you'll quickly gain more Recon points.

Close Combat modifier

The Hitpoints Score of a "back bench" Model like Artillery will be modified with -66% if attacked by a Subunit that has broken through its lines. If the attack somehow takes place without the attacking Subunit having been broken through the modified on the Hitpoints Score is -33%.

Battlegroup modifier

If a Battlegroup (or GR) Unit has fewer than 3 Subunits in it, it will suffer a penalty on its Hitpoints. Non-GR troops in Battlegroups suffer a -15% on their attack value.

Vulnerability of Shield Generators

A Shield attacked from a distance works as it should. A Shield attacked by a broken through Subunit is very vulnerable and this Subunit will do 10 times more damage to the Shield than otherwise.

Mines

Mines Tech notably help entrenched infantry defend better. If a defender's Subunit is counter-attacking an attacker the first time and Mines Tech is available then extra value will be added to the attack score. Mines extra attack score is modified for ammo shortages and for effective unit-based

entrenchment. At 100 entrenchment points on top of auto-entrenchment the effect is full. In plain english: there needs to be time to prepare booby traps, and Model Types that can entrench well will be the best in using Mines. Mines are also used by Militia. Note that Mines will not be used if attacked by ranged weaponry or if the defender's Subunit is a back-bencher (aka rear area) Model Type.

Higher artillery Kill Chance when fighting low XP Troops

A Retreat Hit by Artillery or AT-Gun can be transformed into a Kill hit if the XP (experience) of the target is below 40.

At 10xp or lower the chance is almost 30%

At 20xp the chance is about 10%

At 30xp the chance is about 5%

At 39xp the chance is about 2.5%

At 40xp or higher the chance is 0%.

5.10.15.4. OTHER COMBAT RULES

Depleting Hit Points for Shields

A Shield starts at X HP and every turn it takes a hit.

Once it is depleted by a hit, it depends if the hit is made a broken through Subunit (in which case the Shield will be killed) or a non-broken through Subunit (in which case the Shield will retreat to hopefully fight another day).

Radiation

Use of Nuclear weapons will radiate an area up to 4 Hexes away from the combat Hex. RAD is divided by 4 for every distance point from "ground zero".

The effects of Radiation are applied at start of each turn. The initial blast for Civilians is applied at three times the Radiation level that will be there for the long term. Anti-Rad infrastructure Asset helps protect here, but Radiation Treatment Asset does not.

Successive use of Atomics doesn't lead to a linear increase of Radiation Level in a Hex. It's more of a curve.

Hazard Exposure Level

Hazard Exposure Level causes more Kill Hits during combat. If any non-Kill Hit placed and $\text{rnd}(\text{hazard level} * 10) > ((\text{rnd}(\text{armour mm} + 60) + 20)^*$

(100+entrench)/100) then a potentially lethal puncture / pressure loss has been suffered and the individual subunit will be killed by exposure to atmosphere unless it rolls a successful save roll.

Save rolls are 35% for green, 65% save chance for regular, 80% for seasoned and 95% for veteran.

Any minor aliens, arachnids, mutants, alien critters do not suffer these risks as they are well adapted to the environment.

Hazard Exposure Level also causes extra civilian casualties when structural damage is done. See below.

Collateral Damage

Doing battle in, or around, places where civilians are living is never a great idea. However it will probably prove unavoidable during your campaign. Structural damage can cause up to 5% Population, Worker and Free Folk losses when on a very low Hazard Exposure Level Planet. However higher Hazard Exposure Level causes much more Population, Worker and Free Folk losses when structural damage is inflicted in the Hex where they live or work. This Can go up to 50% losses at the most extreme Hazard Exposure Level 10.

Accidents

During offensive warfare (attacking a Hex) and when scoring a Kill or Retreat hit, Tanks, Walkers and APCs have a small chance to get destroyed by last minute (suicidal) enemy counter actions or accidents (or a combination of both). This can only happen against highly entrenched adversaries or in landscapes or river crossings that are not well suited for the Troop Type in question. Tanks attacking unentrenched enemies in Plains Landscape Type for example will have 0% chance to suffer an accident, however Tanks attacking in Forest have a 3% chance to suffer an accident (remember: only upon scoring a Kill/Retreat hit there is a test being made). APCs and Walkers have only half that chance, note also that Walkers do not have any Landscape Types that give them penalties in the first place and they'll only have a chance of suffering accidents when attacking over major rivers.

Hit scored

At the end of combat further Morale losses might be suffered based on the loss ratio suffered. This effect represents the impact of the high or low loss of life during combat, not the loss of equipment as such. The positive morale

effect of this adjustment is less pronounced than the negative effect and even small positive kill ratios can still result in morale loss. However, a high morale unit will be less likely to lose morale than an already lower morale unit. Furthermore ranged combat only has half the effect.

5.10.15.5. COMMANDER SKILL ROLLS

A number of Skill Rolls will be made by Commanders during combat. An OHQ or SHQ with a Vacant Commander post will never make any Skill Rolls.

Distance of HQ

SHQ Commander Rolls are limited to the High Command Skill Roll, but these rolls can be made from any distance.

Operational Commander Rolls are plenty, but their result is modified for the range of their HQ to their Unit (HQ Power %).

Combat Skill Rolls list

SKILL	HQ	EFFECT IF ATTACKER	EFFECT IF DEFENDER
Tank Tactics	OHQ	Attack Roll and Hit Point Roll Bonus	
Gun Tactics	OHQ	Attack Roll and Hit Point Roll Bonus	
Infantry Tactics	OHQ	Attack Roll and Hit Point Roll Bonus	
Offensive Tactics	OHQ	Attack Roll Bonus	
Defensive Tactics	OHQ		Hitpoint Roll Bonus
Operational Command	OHQ	Attack Roll and Hit Point Roll Bonus	
High Command	SHQ	Attack Roll and Hit Point Roll Bonus	
Deception	OHQ	Attack Roll Bonus based on Entrench	
Escape Artist	OHQ		Hitpoint Roll Bonus for Retreating Subunits
Demolitions	OHQ	Demolition Roll can deplete target's Entrench	

Attack Roll Bonus

Here the Commander makes a Skill Roll for each friendly Subunit attacking an enemy and if the Commander rolls higher than 100 points, it will give a 1% bonus to Attack Value for each point the Skill Roll was above 100 points.

Attack Roll Bonus based on Entrench

Only if it concerns the Defenders of a Hex, the Commander makes a Deception Skill Roll for each friendly Subunit attacking an enemy and if the Commander rolls higher than 100 points, it will give a 2% bonus modified

by Entrenchment / 100 to the Attack Value for each point the Roll was above 100 points.

Hit Point Roll Bonus for Retreating Subunits

Here the OHQ Commander makes a Skill Roll for each friendly Subunit that is in the process of Retreating and that is under the attack of an enemy. If the Commander rolls higher than 100 points, it will quadruple the Hit Points of the Subunit.

Hit Point Roll Bonus

Here the OHQ Commander makes a Skill Roll for each friendly Subunit that is under attack of an enemy and if the Commander rolls higher than 100 points, it will give a 1% bonus to the Hit Point Value for each point the Roll was above 100 points.

Entrenchment Reduction

Here the OHQ Commander makes a Demolitions Skill Roll for Subunits that attack an enemy and if the Commander rolls higher than 100 points it will reduce the Entrenchment of its target with 0.5% bonus for each point the Roll was above 100 points.

5.11. LOGISTICS

Your Logistical Network connects your Zone Cities and your Units with your SHQs.

You need to be aware there are two separate logistical systems.

- The Logistical Network, which spreads out Logistical Points from your Logistical Sources (Truck Station, Rail Station) over your Road Network. To have a continuous Logistical Network, the Logistical Points reach of the different Sources need to overlap.
- The Operational Logistics of each individual Unit or HQ, which picks up its supplies from the nearest road Hex that is inside your Logistical Network.

5.11.1. BASICS

You need to have Assets that generate Truck or Rail Points. These are spread out within a certain Action Point (AP) Range from those Assets over your Roads or Rails as Logistical Points.



Having continuous Logistical Points on a road between your SHQ and a Zone allows Items to flow between them.

Above we see in green the continuous Logistical Points on the road between the SHQ to the left and the neighbouring Zone City to the right.

Having continuous Logistical Points on a road close to your Units/HQs allows supplies and replacement Troops to reach them.

Above we see the green shaded Hexes where Units will be able to pick-up full supplies from a nearby road Hex. Yellow, blue and red shaded Hexes will give Units problems in the long term. Black shaded Hexes means they will

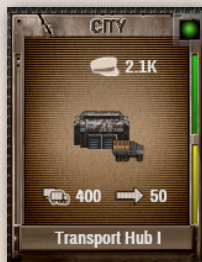


be able to pick up zero supplies because they are too far from a Road with Logistical Points.

5.11.1.1. LOGISTICAL NETWORKS AND LOGISTICAL POINTS

The Logistical Points originate from Cities where you can have Logistical Assets like Transport Hubs, Truck Stations or Train Stations.

These Logistical Points flow over your Roads (or Rails). Their range in Action Points (AP) is dependent on the Assets of their City of origin.



Here we see an example of a Logistical Asset. This Private Transport Hub provides you with 400 Logistical Points with a 50 AP Range (Truck Logistics Move Type) of its Hex.

Below we see the Logistical Points generated by the Private Transport Hub. We see that with the 50 AP Range, it has managed to put full Logistical Points on Hexes within range 4 but that after that, the number of Logistical Points drops quickly until it fizzles out completely beyond 100 AP Range.

Your AP can be extended by Logistical Bases, but keep in mind their effect is not cumulative. For more info see further below.



5.11.1.2. OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS OF UNITS

A Unit can pick up full supplies and replacement Troops up to 50 AP distance range from its initial Hex. After that it will pick up partial supplies up to 100 AP distance range.

The exception is Food! Which is always delivered in full if you are within the 100 AP distance range.

The AP costs are calculated using the Operational Supply Move Type. In most cases this gives Unit a range of 4 Hexes to pick up full supplies. And a range of 8 Hexes to pick up insufficient but some supplies.



Above we are inspecting the map with the “Initial Logistics” layer active. We can see the Units to the left are in full supply while the truck Unit to the right is in bad supply due to being too many Hexes away from the nearest road with Logistical Points.

5.11.1.3. TRAFFIC SIGNS

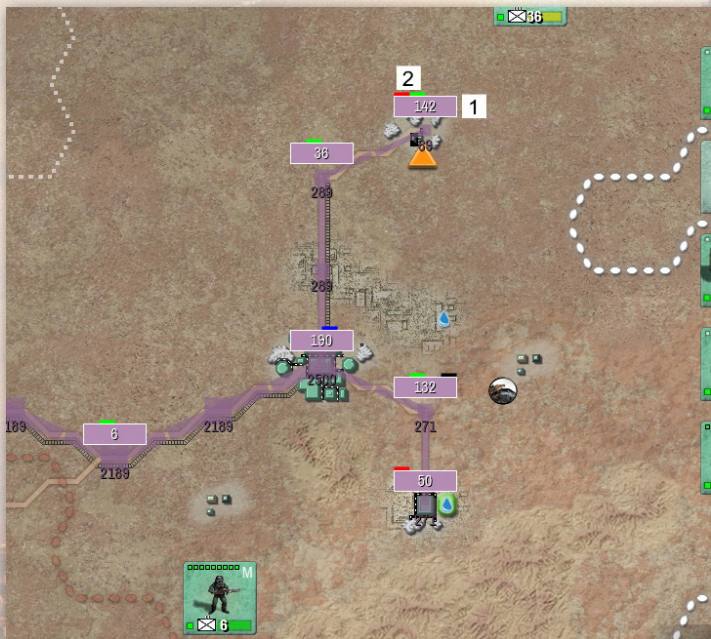
The flow of the Logistical Points over the Roads and Rails is an intricate algorithm that allows logistical flows to do separation and rejoining. However, the more Road and Rail branchings you’ll have the more your Logistical Points will be dispersed. If you are using the default Automatic Pull Points system this will usually take care of things for you. However if you have

disabled the flags for Automatic Pull Points (in the Traffic Signs Popup) you'll want to avoid the adverse effects of many branchings by setting Traffic Signs. Traffic Signs can (partially) block the dispersal of Logistical Points in certain directions allowing you to micro-manage your Logistical Network for optimal use. Even when using the default Automatic Pull Points system you might in some cases want to put some Traffic Signs to reduce the Pull in a certain direction (for example in the case there are more Pull Points than you have Logistical Points and you want to prioritize something).

Enabling the Preview Logistics in the right sidebar and using it in tandem with the Traffic Signs Popup is a good way to explore the effects of different settings on your Logistical Network.

5.11.1.4. PULL POINTS

On default the Automatic Pull Points will be placed. These Points will correspond with the amount of Logistical Points a Hex will probably need



for its Units, Assets or City to be able to receive and send Items. They will force the Logistical Assets to prioritize sending their Logistical Points towards these Hexes.

If you would disable the Automatic Pull Points the Logistical Points generated by Logistical Assets would evenly spread in all directions, with the Pull Points active the Logistical Points get guided through the maze of your Roads to arrive where they are actually needed.

By using the Traffic Signs Popup it is possible to add Custom Pull Points to a Hex or to block Automatic Pull Points for a specific Hex. In this Popup it is also possible to switch off completely the Automatic Pull Point placement.

Here we see the Preview Logistics Layer active. The numbers on the lines are the expected Logistical Points we'll have on the roads at the start of next turn. The numbers in the rectangles are the expected Pull Points on different Hexes.

1 When using the Preview Logistics Layer you'll be able to see the number of (Automatic) Pull Points that will be placed at start of turn.

2 The total number of Pull Points are displayed in the rectangle. The little coloured bars indicate the composing sources: Red for Asset Automatic Pull Points, Green for Unit Automatic Pull Points, Blue for City (Zone) Automatic Pull Points and Black for Custom Pull Points.

Note that when using the Used Points Logistics Layer you'll be shown the Pull Points that were present at the start of your current turn.

Also note that the Pull Points system is not perfect in all circumstances and that it works best when your SHQ is situated in the center of your Logistical Network (like your capital) on a City Hex with one of the higher levels of Logistical Assets you have. Avoid having your SHQ in a Hex without any Logistical Assets.

5.11.1.5. EXCESSIVE BRANCHING PENALTY

If your Logistical Points get split over multiple (Rail)roads that will count as a Branching. After 4 Branchings your Logistical Points will suffer increasingly stiff penalties when they get branched again.

5.11.1.6. REFOCUSING OF LOGISTICAL POINTS

Once your Logistical Points spreading out from a Logistical Asset reach another active Logistical Asset in a different Hex they'll be Refocused. Refocusing means that they'll start at their original full distance potential again but lose part of their Logistical Points equivalent to the percentage of its distance potential already used.

With the first Refocusing a further penalty of -25% on Logistical Points is applied. With the second Refocusing a penalty of -50% is applied and with the third Refocusing a penalty of -75% is applied. A fourth Refocusing is not possible.

5.11.1.7. WEIGHT OF CARGO

The weights of Cargo transferred by using the Logistical Network are the following:

TYPE	WEIGHT	CLARIFYING COMMENT
Infantry	5 or more	They might be lighter in weight, but they take more space as they cannot really be stacked like herrings (or Metal ore) inside a truck or a train.
Trucks / Buggies / Tanks	10 or more	
Fuel	None	Pipes are assumed
Metals	1	
Rare Metals	1	
Radioactives	1	
Water	None	Pipes are assumed.
Food	1	
Industrial Points	None	It is an abstracted item.
Recruits	5	
Ammo	1*	
Colonists	5	
Machines	1	
Hi-Tech Parts	1	
Energy	None	Cables are assumed.
Max Storage Points (different kinds)	None	These are abstracted items.

*=Ammo weight counts for only 25% if it is carried by combat troops/vehicles, as it is partly considered an integral part of the Model.

Note that the shipping of Items overseas will benefit from Bulk Shipping Cost Reduction. This will on average reduce the weight to 0.25 per Item. See 6.2.4.4 for more info.

5.11.2. ROADS

It is important to keep in mind that the Logistical Network only extends itself over Rails or Roads.

These Roads have to connect one City or SHQ to another in order for them to be in the same Logistical Network.

The Roads do not have to go directly to OHQs and Units since they have Operational Logistics to pick up (or deliver) their supplies on a nearby Road Hex.

5.11.2.1. DIRT ROADS

The cheapest kind of Roads. They are also obligatory to construct if you are starting construction of a new Asset. 10 Truck Action Points per Hex.

Dirt Roads cost 20 IP to construct.

5.11.2.2. SEALED ROADS

An expensive but robust highway of superior fabrication and efficiency. 7 Truck Action Points per Hex, improving the reach of Truck-based Logistical Networks significantly further than Dirt Roads.

Sealed Roads cost 50 IP to construct.

Constructing a Sealed Road over an existing Dirt Road reduces its IP cost by 40%.

5.11.2.3. RAILROADS

Rail lines further extend the range and efficiency of your Logistics. Railroads can be built alone in a hex, or alongside existing Roads. 4 Rail Action Points per Hex. Railroads are pricey but almost double the Logistics Network range compared to Sealed Roads.

Rail costs 30 IP and 30 Metal to construct.

Constructing Rail over an existing Dirt or Sealed Road reduces its costs by 50%.

5.11.2.4. SUPPLEMENTAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION COST

When constructing in difficult Landscape Types or over Rivers, Ridges or Canyons, expect a multiplier to be applied to the cost of your Road.

These costs are increased even more for Rail. It is very difficult to construct Rail in rough terrain as the railroad cannot follow a winding path or go up or down too steeply.

5.11.2.5. DEMOLISH INFRASTRUCTURE

The same way you can construct Roads you can remove Road/Rail from a Hex. This costs 5 IP per 10 AP.

5.11.2.6. ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Road Construction needs to start on a Road Hex that has (Initial) Logistical Points connecting the chosen start Hex to the Hex of the SHQ of it's Zone.

5.11.3. LOGISTICAL ASSETS

There are several Assets you can build that help you with your Logistical Network.

Only one Truck Logistical Asset can be in a Hex. Only one (High Speed) Rail Logistical Asset can be in a Hex.

Conversion of regular Rail Stations II and higher to HS Rail Stations is possible. However doing this costs you an Asset level and will take 1 or more rounds of reconstruction activities. The Convert button can be found in the Assets Bottom Tab.”

5.11.3.1. PRODUCTION DELAY

Turn X. Construction of Asset completed

Turn X+1. First Logistical Points produced by Asset

Turn X+2. Those first Logistical Points of X+1 are now applied at start of turn.

The rather technical design reason for the 1 turn delay between production and application is that those Logistical Assets need Items to be delivered to produce... but for those Items to arrive there need to be Logistical Points on the map... To avoid the classical chicken-and-the-egg problem I put a turn delay in.

5.11.3.2. TRUCK

	LOGISTICAL ASSETS	POINTS	OPTIMAL RANGE
Public	Truck Station	-	100AP
Public	Truck Station Level 2	2,400	105AP
Public	Truck Station Level 3	4,800	110AP
Public	Truck Station Level 4	8,800	115AP
Public	Truck Station Level 5	14,400	120AP
Public	Truck Station Level 6	21,600	125AP
Public	Truck Station Level 7	30,000	130AP

Private	Transport Hub	400	50AP
Private	Transport Hub Level 2	800	60AP
Private	Transport Hub Level 3	1,600	70AP
Public	Supply Base	-	+50AP Extension
Public	Supply Base Level 2	-	+75AP Extension
Public	Supply Base Level 3	-	+100AP Extension

5.11.3.3. RAIL

	LOGISTICAL ASSETS	POINTS	OPTIMAL RANGE
Public	Rail Station	2,000	100AP
Public	Rail Station Level 2	6,000	110AP
Public	Rail Station Level 3	11,000	120AP
Public	Rail Station Level 4	18,000	130AP
Public	Rail Station Level 5	27,000	140AP
Public	Rail Station Level 6	38,000	150AP
Public	Rail Station Level 7	51,000	160AP
Public	High Speed Rail Station	3,000	200AP
Public	High Speed Rail Station Level 2	10,000	210AP
Public	High Speed Rail Station Level 3	20,000	220AP
Public	High Speed Rail Station Level 4	34,000	230AP
Public	High Speed Rail Station Level 5	52,000	240AP
Public	High Speed Rail Station Level 6	74,000	250AP
Public	High Speed Rail Station Level 7	100,000	260AP

5.11.3.4. TRANSPORT HUBS & TRUCK STATIONS

These two Asset Types are Public and Private variants of the same thing: Trucks driving around picking up and dropping off Items, Supplies and Replacement Troops for your Units.

Both Assets generate Truck Points and range with Truck Action Points.

The Public version is more productive and efficient than the Private version and higher levels give you more range.

5.11.3.5. SUPPLY BASES

These bases give a boost to the Range of any Trucks that are passing them by. Logistical Extension produced in turn X is applied when the Logistical System is calculated in turn X+1.

This simulates the support they can offer in maintenance, crew shifts and planning.

Keep in mind that:

- The Range Boost is not cumulative with multiple Supply Bases en route (if you already have a Supply Base in place and at the end of the line you are not receiving enough Logistical Points, you should build another Truck Station somewhere in between).
- If Trucks passing it by are already beyond optimum range, they will not be restored to optimum range, but their range will be extended at their current %.

Let us show the example of a City with a Private Transport Hub and a Dirt Road. Let's compare its Logistical Points on that Dirt Road on different distances from the City. Comparing these values for with/without Supply Base.

DISTANCE	0	2	4	5	6	8	10	12	14	15	16
With Supply Base I	100%	100%	100%	100% (supply base here)	100%	100%	100%	60%	20%	0%	0%
With Supply Base II	100%	100%	100%	100% (supply base here)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	80%
Without Supply Base	100%	100%	100%	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%	0%	0%

5.11.3.6. TRUCK POINTS

These are cumulative and you can get Truck Points from a Private and a Public source at the same time.

5.11.3.7. TRUCK ACTION POINTS AND RANGE

These are non-cumulative and the highest Producing Asset is used to provide Truck Action Points.

These are basically range points and a City will have its full amount of Truck Points projected within this range.

After the range is exceeded the % of Truck Points projected slowly drops to 0 upon reaching Hexes at double the range or more.

5.11.3.8. RAIL/HIGH SPEED STATIONS AND RAIL POINTS

The Rail Points are cumulative and work the same as the Truck Points.

The Rail Action Points are used to project the Rail Points over your Logistical Network using Rail (use construct road to build Rail lines).

After the AP Range is exceeded the % of Rail Points projected slowly drops to 0 upon reaching Hexes at double the range or more.

5.11.3.9. RAIL POINTS ONLY STRONG BETWEEN STATIONS

The Rail Points are less flexible than your Truck Points and 90% of them will only be applied on Rail between two Stations (10% will still be applied to any rail line).

If you want to economize on your construction costs, you can also construct a Railhead Asset, which will function in the same way as a Station, except for the fact it does not add any Logistical Points as Stations do.

A Railhead is just a place where trains can turn around and receive some minor servicing.

Any Hex with Rail Points is a place where the train can stop and offload. Or in other words: you do not need a Station to offload your trains. You need two Stations (or one Station and one Railhead) for Rail Points to be applied on the Rail Hexes between them.

5.11.4. INVENTORIES

There are three type of inventory in the game.

5.11.4.1. ZONE INVENTORY

Production from Assets goes directly to this inventory.

Excess Items will be sent to the SHQ of the Zone. The Zone will take consumption costs for the next turn into account and will keep some Items in reserve.

Missing Items will be requested from the SHQ of the Zone.

5.11.4.2. UNIT INVENTORY

Each Unit has its own Item reserves (Ammo, Fuel, Food, etc..) and most turns they'll request fresh supplies from their SHQ.

5.11.4.3. SHQ INVENTORY

Each SHQ has its own inventory. It is used to send Items to Zones and Units that are requesting them. Furthermore, it will pick-up excess items from Zones. And last but not least it will send Replacement Troops to Units that are missing Troops (or pickup excess Troops).

5.11.5. DIFFERENT USES OF LOGISTICAL NETWORK

Your Logistical Network is used for many different things.

5.11.5.1. ZONE REQUIREMENTS

Zones might need Food to feed their Worker. Or they might need Metal to construct an Asset.

5.11.5.2. UNIT REQUIREMENTS

Units will need Food, Ammo and perhaps Fuel or Energy as well.

Note that Food and Fuel will be delivered at a higher priority than other Items. This is because they are the most critical to the proper functioning of the Unit in question.

5.11.5.3. ZONE ASSETS NEED A LOGISTICAL NETWORK CONNECTION

Any Asset (public or private) needs to be connected to the Logistical Network. A Public Asset needs a 100 * Asset Level in Logistical Points connection and a Private Asset only half that (50 Logistical Points per level). These points needed are adjusted for any Limited Production Asset setting.

This is only needed for production and for Public Asset construction. Upkeep always works (as long as there is a land connection over friendly Hexes). Private Asset construction does not require Logistical Points and its production penalty is max 50%.

Some Assets like Bunkers and Logistical Assets need only half those Logistical Points. Farmsteads only need a third.”

5.11.5.4. ZONE SUPPLY TO UNITS

It is possible to call the Governor of a Zone to tell him to supply Units if they are missing Items not delivered by their SHQ.

You can choose if these supplies should be delivered initially (before Unit and Zone supply) or after and will thus only address any shortfalls not delivered by regular supply. You are strongly advised to use the latter as the former might deplete inventory the Zone needs for its Assets production or Populace.

5.11.5.5. ZONE RETURNS

If a Zone is producing a surplus of Items, the Zone will try to return those to its SHQ.

5.11.5.6. REPLACEMENT TROOPS AND RETURNS

Units that suffered casualties will be looking to receive Replacement Troops.

Units that are changing their Formation might have Troops present that are no longer part of their “TOE” and should be returned to SHQ.

5.11.5.7. PICKUP POINTS

For SHQs that want to deliver Supplies or Replacement Troops to a Unit (or collect excess Troops), they can do so at a pickup point in the Logistical Network that is close to the Unit. The Unit can be off-road and provide the remainder of the transport with its Operational Logistics.

5.11.5.8. STRATEGIC TRANSFER

While executing your turn, you can use remaining Logistical Points in your Logistical Network to transfer your Units (or SHQs) strategically from one spot to another, provided there are sufficient Logistical Points on each Hex of the Trajectory to pay for the Transfer.

This costs the transported Units in Readiness and also depletes any remaining Unit AP completely. But if you have a large domain this is a really good way to get an army from one side of it to the other.

5.11.5.9. SHQ TRANSFERS

If you have multiple SHQs, you can transfer Items and Troops from one SHQ to another. You can also transfer Items from and to Zone Inventories. Logistical Points must be available between the source SHQs or the target SHQ or target Zone.

It is also possible to transfer from a SHQ to a specific Zone Inventory or the other way around. This kind of micro management can be necessary if you have given some of your Governors Zone Logistics Orders blocking all or specific Items from being send or requested.

5.11.5.10. RAISE FORMATION

If you Raise a Formation on a different Hex than the Hex of the SHQ, you are using, you'll need to pay the Logistical Points for the Items that will be needed to build the Troops that'll be present in the Formation.

If you don't build Troops, but use Troops already present in the SHQ, you'll need to pay the transport cost for them.

5.11.5.11. REPLACING & UPGRADING OF TROOPS

In case of replacing Equipment, you'll need to pay the Logistical Points cost for the transport of the Equipment to and from the Unit.

In case of upgrading, you'll need to pay the Logistical Point cost for sending the Items necessary to do an Upgrade in the field.

5.11.5.12. ZONE LOGISTICS ORDERS

When calling your Governor to discuss Zone Orders you will be able to tell him to block sending or requesting certain Items to or from the Zone's SHQ. This allows you some flexibility if your logistical network is under strain or you want to manually handle transfers (see SHQ Transfer Order 5.11.5.8). For inspection of current Zone Inventory Orders go to the Management Screen and the Asset Tab to quickly check the Items Table to the right for red cells, which signify a Zone Inventory Order being in effect on that Item.

5.11.5.13. MAXIMAL LOGISTICAL POINTS USAGE SETTING FOR SHQS

There are a number of uses of Logistical Points that are done automatically at the start of a new turn.

In order to give players some control over what they are allowed to be spent on, you can specify percentages for all automated SHQ activities that use Logistical Points.

SEQUENCE	SPECIFIC LOGISTICAL SUBSYSTEM	PLAYER CAN SET MAX % SPENT IN STANDING ORDER OF SHQ
-	<i>Logistical network creation</i>	
1	Optional initial Zone Supply to Units	
2	Zone requirements / supply	SHQ Standing Order Available
3	Unit requirements / supply	SHQ Standing Order Available
-	<i>Zone production</i>	
-	<i>Zone economy</i>	
4	Optional shortfall Zone Supply to Units	
5	Zone returns	SHQ Standing Order Available
6	Unit Replacement Troops and returns	
-	<i>Unit Item consumption</i>	

The Percentage specified in each Standing Order refers to a percentage of the original Logistical Points available on a Road upon creation of the Logistical Network that can be used.

The total of the percentages is allowed to surpass 100%.

Setting it lower is however a good way to guarantee you will have some Logistical Points left to, for example, execute Strategic Transfers during your turn.

Note that the limit allows using unspent points from earlier steps that did not reach the limit.

5.11.6. MIDCORE LOGISTICS VARIANT

When configuring a new game start the player can opt to choose Midcore Logistics. When this variant is checked the logistics will be more easy to manage.

The following rules will be simplified:

- The Logistical Points will not be divided when the road branches
- No need for understanding or using Pull Points
- No need for understanding or using Traffic Points

Any logistical Asset will just spread out its points over the road network and retain full points (modified for possible excess distance from source).

However when the logistical points are consumed, the algorithm checks which points came from which logistical Asset and will diminish those points among all the branches of that logistical Asset. Note that the points on Hexes not used by the logistical route will only be diminished by 50%.

5.12. MODELS

Tank A is not simply a differently named Tank B. All Models are quite unique.

You can develop your own Models, which you can subsequently produce. In fact, to produce Regular Troops, you need to have discovered Model Types and designed Models.

You'll need a Model Design Council to discover Model Types and design your own Models.

Except for some Militia Troops, all types of equipment belong to a certain Model.

Think of a Model as a blueprint full of production instructions for how to produce a piece of equipment, gear or, for example, an armored fighting vehicle.

You can discover Model Types and design new Models for each discovered Model Type with your Model Design Council.

When designing a new Model, it is possible to make a brand new Design or to design an improvement to an already designed Model.

5.12.1. KEY CONCEPTS

You can discover Model Types and design Models using the Model Design Council. Once you have finished the design of a Model you can start producing it.

5.12.1.1. MODELS

A Model is a specific concrete implementation of a Model Type.

You'll start with some pre-designed Models. But normally you need to explicitly design a new Model once you have discovered a new Model Type.

Models can be designed from scratch or can be a newer version of a previously designed Model.

5.12.1.2. MODEL TYPES

Once you get a Design finished on a Model of a Model Type it will open up new discovery options that have that Model Type as a prerequisite. For example, after you have designed your first Light Tank, you can from that point forward discover the Medium Tank Model Type, but not the Heavy Tank Model Type. For that you'll need to design a first Model of the Medium Tank Model Type.

5.12.1.3. THE DESIGN CHOICES

When you order a new Design, you'll almost always will be asked to make some choices between different variants of equipment, armor, motors or weaponry.

5.12.1.4. MODEL STATS

A Model will get its Model Stats from your design choices, your technology and previous version Model Stats.

Some Model Stats cannot be improved with newer versions. This concerns structural design decisions taken early on.

5.12.1.5. OPERATIONAL STATS

The Model Stats are used as the basis to compute the Operational Stats of a Model.

The Operational Stats are what you'll see when you inspect a finished Model. "Soft Attack" and "Hitpoints" are examples of Operational Stats.

Keep in mind that the Operational Stats used in combat can be modified by a number of rules based on the Landscape Type, the type of opponent, etc... for more information on that go to the combat rules section.

5.12.1.6. MODEL QUALITY LEVEL

By going into the Management Screen and then to the Model Tab, you can set the Quality Levels for all Models you developed.

The Quality Level can be "Low", "Average", "High" to "Elite". Or if you do not want to pronounce yourself it can be "None". Furthermore, it can also be set to "Obsolete" indicating it should not be used any more by your Units.

The setting is used when sending Replacement Troops or returning Troops from Units to SHQs.

Setting the Quality Levels is optional. Feel more than free to leave the Quality Levels on "None".

5.12.2. DISCOVERY OF MODEL TYPES

When you order your Model Design Council to discover new Model Types, it can only discover new Model Types that have pre-requisite Model Types that you already designed at least one Model for. See the Management Screen and the Model Type Tab.

So for example, to discover the Medium Tank, you need to have already designed a Light Tank Model.

5.12.3. DESIGNING A NEW MODEL

Depending on what kind of Model Type you are basing your new Design on, you'll normally have the opportunity to make at least some choices on its Design. This will be discussed further below.

5.12.3.1. MODEL TYPES

There are a large number of Model Types available to develop specific and custom-build Models for.

Infantry

Infantry is cheap and provides you with defensive strength. Especially if entrenched and in defensible terrain.

MG

Like infantry, but equipped with a machine gun, which is an excellent defensive weapon.

Bazooka

Like infantry, but equipped with a bazooka or RPG, which for its production cost is an excellent weapon against Armor.

Truck

A bare bones design that allows you to motorize your Infantry or Artillery forces. They provide plenty of mobility, but they require more Upkeep.

APC

Like a Truck, but equipped with Tracks instead of Wheels and with Armor. Furthermore, the APC has a MG mounted which gives it some punch. For cost calculations its size is level 3.

Anti-Tank Gun

If Bazookas are not cutting it any more against enemy armor, consider producing AT-Guns. These can use the newest tech in High Velocity Guns and pack as much punch as armor. They perform best in a defensive role.

Artillery

Allows you to engage in Ranged Fire from adjoining Hex of target. It guzzles ammunitions, but it allows you to do damage without engaging.

Light Tank

A small chassis design that can support up to 50mm of armor and up to a 60mm gun. For cost calculations, its size is level 4.

Medium Tank

A medium chassis design that can support up to 200mm of armor and up to a 105mm gun. For cost calculations, its size is level 6.

Assault Gun

Much like a Medium Tank but without a cupola, making it cheaper to produce (half IP cost), but less effective in an offensive role.

Heavy Tank

A large chassis design that can support up to 300mm of armor and up to an 180mm gun. For cost calculations, its size is level 8.

Monitor Tank

An extra-large chassis design that can support up to 400mm of armor and up to a 300mm gun. For cost calculations, its size is level 10.

Tank Destroyer

Much like a Heavy Tank, but without a cupola, making it cheaper to produce (half IP cost), but less effective in an offensive role. Furthermore, the design is really focussed on killing enemy armor and much less on killing softer targets.

Buggy

It's cheap, it's small, it can easily be given an overpowered motor and on top of that it has a MG. Furthermore, it has excellent Recon capabilities. Use Buggies as Scouts or for harassing enemy soft targets. Keep them away from enemy tanks.

Mechanized Artillery

Same as artillery but mounted on a medium chassis. It is mobile and can be equipped with armor, allowing these guns to live longer in hot combat zones or to survive enemy shelling.

Walker

The Walker is a hydraulics based biped that functions much like a tank but due to its locomotion can traverse hard terrains (much like infantry). Due to its Heavy Machine Guns, it is very effective against softer targets.

Heavy Walker

Much like regular Walker, but built with a larger chassis. It can support a gun of up to 180mm. Its main role is to destroy enemy Walkers and heavier equipment.

Rocket Launcher

Depending on the type of Rockets used, these Launchers can perform Ranged Fire up to 4 Hexes away.

Missile Launcher

Missiles are much like Rockets, only bigger. Missile Launchers can perform Ranged Fire up to 7 Hexes away.

Automated Turret

These are fully automated systems that function reasonably well. They allow you to save manpower and Upkeep costs. They are, however, fully immobile, so only strategic transfer can relocate them. These robotic systems are less intelligent than humans and will perform slightly less well.

Automated MG

These are fully automated systems that function reasonably well. They allow you to save manpower and Upkeep costs. They are, however, fully immobile, so only strategic transfer can relocate them. These robotic systems are less intelligent than humans and will perform slightly less well.

Quad MG

By combining 4 regular MGs into a Quad MG, a phenomenal amount of fire power can be brought to bear on advancing enemy Troops.

Mobile Shield Generator

Shield Generators extend an energy shield over all friendly Troops to protect them from enemy fire. This mobile version is the most useful as it can be used in an offensive role.

Wide-Area Shield Generator

Shield Generators extend an energy shield over all friendly Troops to protect them from enemy fire. This is an immobile installation that can only be moved by strategic transfer. It can be equipped with the strongest of Shield Generators.

Robotic Infantry

These are very much the same as regular Infantry, except that they are robotic. They thus do not require manpower to produce. They are, however, less intelligent than humans and will perform more poorly, especially when used in an offensive role.

Motorbike Infantry

This is the best price - quality Model Type to use for Reconnaissance. Except for its mobility and recon capability, it is much like regular Infantry when it is in combat.

Jetpack Infantry

Jetpacks allow the Infantry to make small jumps, giving them the mobility to be much more effective in offensive roles.

Atomic Launcher

Much like a regular Missile Launcher, except for the fact it is able to launch Atomic Missiles. Its base range is 4. It supports launching up to 10MT warheads.

ICBM

The Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Launch Platform is immobile but can launch its missiles Planet-wide. It can launch the biggest warheads you can research and, once you have them operational, will change the nature of warfare.

Mechanized Quad Gun

This is basically a Quad MG mounted on a small chassis. It allows for armor and speed and is an excellent complement to join in an attack of heavier armor, as it will be especially adept at neutralizing soft targets.

5.12.3.2. OVERVIEW OF CHOICES

Here follows an overview which Choices you can make when Designing a new Model of a certain Model Type.

MODEL TYPE	WEAPON	ARMOR	MOTOR
Infantry	Rifle	Personal Armor	
MG	MG	Personal Armor	
Bazooka	RPG	Personal Armor	
Truck	-	-	Motor
APC	MG	Armor	Motor
Anti-Tank Gun	High Velocity Gun	Personal Armor	
Artillery	Howitzer	Personal Armor	
Light Tank	Gun	Armor	Motor
Medium Tank	Gun	Armor	Motor
Heavy Tank	Gun	Armor	Motor
Assault Gun	Gun	Armor	Motor
Recon Buggy	MG	Armor	Motor
Tank Destroyer	Gun	Armor	Motor
Mechanized Art.	Howitzer	Armor	Motor
Walker	Twin Heavy MG	Armor	Motor
Heavy Walker	Gun	Armor	Motor
Rocket Launcher	Rocket	Armor	Motor
Missile Launcher	Missiles	Armor	Motor
Automated Turret	Gun	Armor	-
Automated MG	MG	Armor	-
Quad MG	Quad MG	Personal Armor	-
Mobile Shield Gen.	Shield	Motor	-
WA Shield Gen.	Shield	-	-
Monitor Tank	Gun	Armor	Motor
Robotic Infantry	Rifle	Personal Armor	-
Motorbike Infantry	Rifle.	Personal Armor	-
Jetpack Infantry	Rifle.	Personal Armor	-
ICBM Launcher	Missiles	Armor	Motor
Atomic Launcher	Missiles	Armor	Motor
Mech. Quad MG	Quad MG	Armor	Motor

So, for example, when you are designing a new Infantry Model, you'll be asked which type of Rifle and Personal Armor it should be (or not be) equipped with.

5.12.3.3. VARIANTS

When you are making the choices of which Variants of equipment a Model should use, you can inspect the strengths and weaknesses in the mouse-overs.

5.12.3.4. CALIBRE MODIFIER

Note that, in combat, low calibre guns used versus thick armor can receive up to a whopping -90% penalty, but never more. The calculation made is $\text{Weapon mm} / \text{Armor mm}$. So for example a 50mm gun used on 200mm armor will suffer a -75% penalty.

- Small Arms / Quad / MGs counts as 20mm
- Small Arms / Quad / MG Laser counts as 30mm
- Small Arms / Quad / MG Plasma counts as 50mm
- Heavy MGs (Walker) count as 40mm
- Heavy MGs (Walker) Laser counts as 60mm
- Heavy MGs (Walker) Plasma counts as 100mm
- Hollow Count as 100mm
- Hollow Heavy as 200mm
- Light Rocket as 100mm
- Medium Rocket as 200mm
- Heavy Rocket as 300mm
- Light Missile as 200mm
- Medium Missile as 400mm
- Heavy Missile as 800mm
- Plasma Missile as 1600mm
- Light Laser counts as 100mm
- Medium Laser counts as 200mm
- Heavy Laser counts as 300mm
- Very Heavy Laser counts as 400mm
- Beam counts as 300mm
- Combined Beam counts as 600mm
- Light Plasma counts as 200mm
- Medium Plasma counts as 400mm
- Heavy Laser Plasma as 600mm
- Very Heavy Laser Plasma counts as 800mm
- Aircraft machineguns as 40mm

- Light Air-to-Air Missiles as 100mm
- Medium Air-to-Air Missiles as 100mm
- Heavy Air-to-Air Missiles as 100mm
- Very-Heavy Air-to-Air Missiles as 100mm
- Aircraft Very Small Rockets as 50mm
- Aircraft Small Rockets as 100mm
- Aircraft Medium Rockets as 200mm
- Aircraft Heavy Rockets as 300mm
- Bombhatch 500kg Load as 50mm
- Bombhatch 1000kg Load as 60mm
- Bombhatch 1500kg Load as 70mm
- Bombhatch 2000kg Load as 80mm
- Bombhatch 3000kg Load as 90mm
- Bombhatch 5000kg Load or more as 100mm
- 50kg Precision Bombs as 50mm
- 100kg Precision Bombs as 75mm
- 150kg Precision Bombs as 100mm
- 200kg Precision Bombs as 125mm
- 300kg Precision Bombs as 175mm
- 500kg Precision Bombs as 275mm

Atomics and Physical attacks are exempt from this calibre modifier.

Ranged attacks see their mm divided by three due to the likelihood of a proximity instead of a direct hit.

Personal armors count in these calculations as follows:

- Envirosuit counts as 0mm
- Padded Armor counts as 20mm
- Combat Armor counts as 40mm
- Adv. Combat Armor counts as 60mm
- Battledress counts as 80mm
- Adv. Battledress counts as 100mm

5.12.3.5. WEAPON TYPES VERSUS ARMOR TYPES MATRIX

Some weapons perform better against certain types of armor or shielding. Note that Plasma weapons are most efficient against high tech armor and shielding, but have a bad score against more low tech armors.

Note that Beam weapons provide a good mix and have good scores against all types of armor.

Note that Liquid armor is vulnerable against old fashioned kinetic bullets and shells, but is master in countering Laser weapons.

Note that Atomic weapons always perform normally.

ARMOR=>	NONE	METAL	POLYM	LIQUID	SHIELD
Bullets	Normal	Normal	Normal	150%	50%
Hollow	Normal	Normal	Normal	50%	33%
Laser	Normal	Normal	Normal	25%	50%
Beam	Normal	Normal	Normal	66%	75%
Plasma	Normal	50%	75%	Normal	Normal
Atomics	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Physical	Normal	66%	33%	66%	Normal

Ablat Coating Tech

Ablat Coating is available for vehicle armor and for padded envirosuit personal armor and above. If the Model has Ablat Coating applied it will get a Hitpoints +40% boost versus laser and a Hitpoints +20% boost versus beam, albeit modified by $\text{Min}(1, \text{ArmorMM} / 50)$. Or in other words: Very light armor has trouble using the Ablat Coating properly.

5.12.3.6. MODEL STATS OF THE NEW MODEL

The Design choices of Variants and the Model Type determine the Model Stats. However, there is also a random chance that is involved.

Furthermore your Tech Level plays a major role as well.

Design Quality

The Structural Design Score is randomized with the first version of a Model and will not change with subsequent versions.

The Basic Design Score is initially randomized with the first version of a new Model, but can improve with subsequent versions.

The way to improve this Basic Design Score is through Field Testing. Or in other words, getting your Models produced and tested in real battle.

The Structural Design Score and Basic Design Score impacts the Engine Design, Weapon Design and Armor Design Stats. These are also randomized with the first version of a New Model, but they'll (probably) improve with each new version of of the Model (irrespective of Field Testing).

Tech Levels

There are several Binary Techs and quite a few Linear Techs that give bonuses to your Models Stats. If in Round X you designed Model A and in Round X+10 you researched a Tech, the effects of that Tech will no be applied to Model A. However, if you then design Model B in Round X+20, that Model will receive the bonus from that Tech.

Hazard Surplus Cost

If the Planet has a high Hazard Exposure Level producing this Model will cost more Industrial Points (IP).

5.12.3.7. DIRECTOR SKILL ROLLS

The Model Designer Director uses Inventor, Technician and Improvisation Skills for extra rolls on the rolls for Structural Design (Inventor) for the first version of the Model. For later versions it can improve Base Design (Technician roll), Armour Design, Weapon Design and Engine Design (Improvisation roll). If the roll >200 it gets 3 extra rolls for said design variable, >150 2 extra rolls, >100 1 extra roll. (logged in skill log for leader), <50 then an extra roll but takes the worst roll.

5.12.3.8. OPERATIONAL STATS

The Design Stats are interesting for the designers in your Model Design Council, but what matters in the real world is the Model's Operational Stats. These are the ones that are used in actual combat.

Movement Cost Modifiers

The Engine Power (model stat) is ideally larger than the Weight (model stat) of the Model. If not we'll consider the Engine underpowered.

A further negative movement cost modifier is applied for very large vehicles and tanks. If Size Stat is 6 or 7, like Medium Tanks there will be an additional +10% move cost modifier. If Size Stat is 8 or 9, like Heavy Tanks there will be a +20% move cost modifier. If Size Stat 10 or higher, like Monitor Tanks, will give a +30% move cost modifier.

ENGINE POWER	MOVE COST MODIFIER
>= 270% WEIGHT	-40%
>= 210% WEIGHT	-20%
>= 160% WEIGHT	-15%
>= 120% WEIGHT	-10%
>= 90% WEIGHT	-
>= 80% WEIGHT	+10%
>= 70% WEIGHT	+20%
>= 60% WEIGHT	+30%
>= 50% WEIGHT	+40%
>= 40% WEIGHT	+50%
>= 30% WEIGHT	+60%
>= 20% WEIGHT	+70%
>= 0% WEIGHT	No move allowed

Note that for these calculations the Truck Weight is increased with +140 to simulate operational usage where the Truck is carrying troops or equipment. Same for APC, whose weight for these calculations is increased with +70.

Trucks (and to lesser extend APC) get some simulated weight in their Movement Cost Modifier calculations so that their eventual cargo is taken into account as well.

Attack Scores

The attack values like Soft Attack, Soft Defend, Hard Attack and Hard Defense depend mostly on the Weapon chosen for the Model.

The Firepower of the chosen weapon will become the Attack Value, modified for the following:

WEAPON TYPE	SOFT ATT	SOFT DEF	HARD ATT	HARD DEF
Conventional Small Arms	No mod	No mod	-50%	-50%
Hollow Charge	-66%	-66%	No mod	No mod
Energy Small Arms	No mod	No mod	-50%	-50%
Howitzer Gun	No mod	No mod	-50%	-50%
High Velocity Gun	-75%	-75%	No mod	No mod
Energy Gun	-50%	-50%	No mod	No mod

Foot is mostly defensive

Soldiers on foot without ranged attack have their Soft and Hard Attack Values divided by two.

MGs are even more defensive

On top of that division for being Foot, any MG also sees its Soft Attack, Hard Attacks and Hard Defence values divided by two. Note that its Soft Defence value is not divided.

Tanks are offensive weapons

Any vehicles (track/wheel) with Guns get their Hard Defence value diminished by one third.

Walkers are good against Tanks

Due to their high stature they are excellent tank killers. Hard Attack Value gets +50% and Hard Defence Value gets +25%.

Robot Brains are not that clever

Any autonomous Models will see their Attack values diminished with one third. Defence is easier to plan for them and here they suffer no penalties.

Jetpacks give better attack

Infantry with Jetpacks gets their Soft Attack doubled and Hard Attack increased with 50% due to the fact that they are tactically air mobile.

No turret, less offensive potential

Any Tank without a Turret (The Assault Gun) has its Hard Attack Value divided by two.

Immobile Vehicles

Immobile vehicles get their attack scores halved.

Hitpoints

The hitpoints will be set equal to the Armor Points (model stat).

Bulky Vehicles vulnerable to infantry

However, the bulkier the vehicle, the more it will be exposed to sneaky infantry attacks.

Bulky Vehicles get sheer size hitpoints

Against non-infantry attacks the bulky vehicle will be able to absorb more damage by sheer size. Can go up to +50% at Size 10. So yes bulkier tanks are better used in fighting other tanks than in fighting infantry, that kind of fighting is better left to the lighter tanks

Structural Damage Points

Any Model with Anti-Structural Points will do damage to Assets in the Hex where it is battling. Small Arms do not do this, but Guns, Rockets and Missiles do 1 point of Structural Damage per 30 Fire Power (Model Stat).

5.12.3.9. MINIMUM TECH LEVELS

Some weapon technologies allow heavier variants of weapons or armour. Some of these have a minimum Regime Tech Level requirement to be installed in a new Model design.

- Medium Rockets and Missiles require Tech Level 3.
- Heavy Rockets and Heavy Missiles require Tech Level 5.
- 100mm armour requires Tech Level 2.
- 150mm armour requires Tech Level 3.
- 200mm armour requires Tech Level 4.
- 300mm armour requires Tech Level 5.
- 400mm armour requires Tech Level 6.
- Heavy Diesel requires Tech Level Engine 2.
- Double Diesel Engine requires Tech Level 3.
- Triple Diesel Engine requires Tech Level 4.
- Medium Electric Engine requires Tech Level 2.
- Heavy Electric Engine requires Tech Level 3.
- Double Electric Engine requires Tech Level 4.
- Triple Electric Engine requires Tech Level 6.
- Double Nuclear Engine requires Tech Level 5.
- Triple Nuclear Engine requires Tech Level 6.
- 60-88mm Guns requires Tech Level 2.
- 105-150mm Guns requires Tech Level 3.
- 180-240mm Guns requires Tech Level 4.
- 300mm Guns requires Tech Level 5.
- Medium Laser/Plasma Gun requires Tech Level 4.
- Heavy Laser/Plasma Gun requires Tech Level 5.
- Very Heavy Laser/Plasma Gun requires Tech Level 6.

5.12.3.10. PLANETARY CONDITIONS

Some planetary conditions impact the efficacy of certain weapons.

If Air Pressure is really low then the projectile velocity of non-ranged weapons, but including AA ranged weapons is increased. This will make

projectile weapons like ammo-based rifles and guns more lethal. This rule also affects aircraft but only for air-air to combat. Note that to a lesser degree this effect will reverse if Air Pressure is high.

If Gravity is really low projectile-based ranged weapons (notably anti-aircraft guns/missiles, artillery, rocket launchers and missile launchers) will have longer range. Note that to a lesser degree this effect will reverse if Gravity is high.

If the Hazard Exposure Level is high you'll want to get your infantry into better armor as fast as possible to avoid excess casualties due to otherwise non-lethal Hits causing suit pressure loss and subsequent death by exposure to the atmosphere.

5.12.4. FIELD TESTING

The "Basic Design" Model Stat has a big impact on the Model Stats of the next version of the Model.

This Basic Design Stat of a Model can go up with Field Testing.

You'll earn 1 Field Testing points for a Subunit of the Model placing a hit on an enemy.

You'll earn 5 Field Testing points for a Subunit of the Model being hit by an enemy.

Yes... you learn more from mistake than from success. At the end of a battle, the square root of these points will be added to the Base Design Stat for the Model in question.

These points are fully added if the difference between maximum and current Base Design Stat is large (40 points or more), but will have less chance to be added if the difference is less. Per battle, a maximum of 10 points are added to Base Design Stat.

Maximum Base Design Stat is $120 + (10 * \text{version number of Model})$.

5.13. TECHS

You can obtain Techs by doing Research, by playing Stratagems and over time after making certain deals through Diplomacy Stratagems.

If you want to Research a specific Tech, you'll have to Discover it first.

5.13.1. KEY CONCEPTS

There are two different kinds of Techs: Binary ones and Linear ones. Your Regime can acquire or advance in numerous Techs by Research or otherwise.

5.13.1.1. BINARY TECHS

Almost all Techs fall in this category. They become useful once you have fully researched them. They can be discovered and researched by your Military Research Council and your Economic Council.

Binary Tech costs the full amount of BP to obtain it.

5.13.1.2. LINEAR TECHS

Some Techs are Linear Techs. They become useful from the first point of progress you have made on them and provide a bonus to something. The higher your progress the higher the bonus. They can be discovered and researched by your Applied Science Council.

Linear Tech costs X BP per point, but the higher you get the more expensive it will get. For the first 33 points the cost will be baseline. But after that the cost will start exploding. At 50 points the cost will have almost doubled and at 75 points it will have increased around eightfold. 100 points will be near impossible to reach. The costs per point thus follows a hockey curve.

5.13.1.3. DISCOVERY

For one of your Organizations to start Researching a Tech, you first need to Discover it. This can be done by allocating BP to an Organizations Discovery Task.

Any field that is open to discovery could be discovered next, unless you use Discovery Focus, which will limit the possible discoveries to the Tech Group selected. To use Discovery Focus, call your Council Director in question. Note that Discovery Focus comes at a 66% penalty due to stifling the creativity of your inventors.

The Techs open to discovery are those in the Tech Groups you have access to.

5.13.1.4. RESEARCH

What is within your control is which Discovered Tech you want to be researched. The more BP you allocate to the Research Task of an

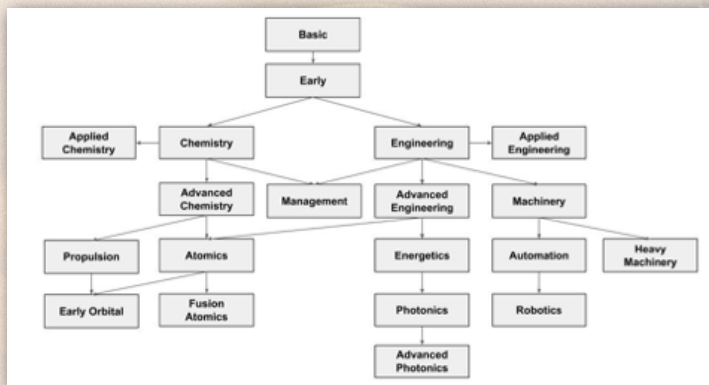
Organization the more progress you will make on fully researching your chosen Tech.

5.13.1.5. TECH GROUPS

The Tech Fields are divided over a number of Tech Groups. Once you have fully researched 4 Techs in a Tech Group the Tech Group will be Mastered. Once a Tech Group is Mastered it will give you Discovery access to all Techs in its connecting Tech Groups.

Keep in mind that some Tech Groups require a minimum Regime Tech Level to become accessible.

5.13.2. TECH GROUP TREE



5.13.2.1. BASIC TECH GROUP

These fields are normally already researched when you start the game. They indicate a minimal level of technology that enables your Regime to move out and conquer.

Biofuel (#3)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that can convert Food to Fuel.

Industry (#22)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that can produce Industrial Points.

Recycling Facility (#2)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that can extract Scavenge Points. These can also make Archaeological Finds!

Mining Facility (#3)

This Tech allows you to construct a number of different Mining Assets, including: Ice Mine, Metal Mine, Rare Metal Mine and Radioactives Mine.

Wind Traps (#20)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that can trap moisture from the atmosphere and provide you with Water.

Truck Logistics (#94)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that provide you with Truck Logistical Points and Range.

Farming (#18)

This Tech allows you to construct open Farms and domed Farms.

Envirosuits (#58)

This Tech allows you to design Models that wear Envirosuits.

Carbine (#9)

This Tech allows you to design infantry Models that use a simple automatic rifle as their weapon. Without it they'll be equipped with some version of bolt rifles.

Furnaces (#10)

This Tech allows you to construct the Scavenging Furnace and the Organic Furnace Assets.

5.13.2.2. EARLY TECH GROUP

This is the group of Techs that is most easy to acquire early without a huge tech base.

Solar Energy (#21)

This Tech allows you to build Assets that convert sunlight to Energy.

Physical Storage (#112)

This Tech allows you to build a number of Assets that can store specific Items. This allows you to avoid losing these Items if their stockpiles become too big.

Sealed Roads (#95)

This Tech allows you to construct Sealed Roads. Big improvement for long distance truck-based logistics.

Power Plant (#7)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that produce Energy from burning Fuel.

Hospital (#30)

This Tech allows you to construct Hospital Assets. These provide QOL Health Points.

Barracks (#32)

This Tech allows you to construct Barracks Assets. These provide QOL Security Points and improve training of your Troops inside the Zone.

University (#8)

This Tech allows you to construct Universities. These provide QOL Education Points.

High Velocity Guns (#302)

This Tech allows you to design Models that use High Velocity Guns.

Padded Armor (#303)

This Tech allows you to design Models that wear Padded Envirosuit Armor.

High Velocity Small Arms (#43)

This Tech allows you to design infantry Models that use a fully Automatic Rifle as their weapon.

Ammunitions Factory (#126)

This Tech allows you to construct Industry specialized in economically producing Ammo.

Gas Powered Small Arms (#44)

This Tech allows you to equip your Infantry and MG Models with Gas Powered rifles and MGs.

High Speed MG (#307)

This Tech allows you to design Machinegun Models that are equipped with a high-speed MG.

5.13.2.3. CHEMISTRY TECH GROUP

This is a group of Techs that focuses mostly on breakthroughs based on Chemical reactions, be they biological or non-biological.

Water Soil Recomposition (#114)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that can extract Water from the lithosphere of the Planet.

Rocketry (#102)

One of the prerequisites for designing Rocket Launcher Models.

RPG (#304)

RPG is an acronym for Rocket Propelled Grenades. This Tech allows you to design RPG Infantry.

Guided RPG (#305)

An improvement on the regular RPG.

Hydroponics (#42)

This Tech allows you to build Assets that grow Food in vats. Requires less Water, but does require Energy.

Water Atmospheric Recomposition (#113)

Certain Planets have atmosphere where it is possible to construct Assets that extract Water from chemical reactions between atmospheric gasses. This costs a lot of Energy however.

5.13.2.4. ENGINEERING TECH GROUP

This Tech Group focuses on conceptualizing new machines or structures to create breakthroughs.

Side Skirts (#306)

This Tech allows you to design Tank Models that are equipped with Side Skirts.

Radiation Filters (#301)

These improve protection Suits and Vehicles provide from Radiation to their occupants. Once researched, they will be retrofitted and the effect will be immediate.

Vidcom Broadcasting (#100)

This Tech allows you to construct Vidcom Station Assets. These provide QOL Entertainment Points.

Heavy Industry (#4)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that can produce Machinery Items.

Combat Armor (#308)

This Tech allows you to design Models that wear Combat Armor.

Gauss Rifles (#212)

This Tech allows you to design models that use Gauss Weapons as their Rifle or MG.

Housing (#11)

Gives you the ability to construct Social Housing Assets and Worker Apartments Assets. Both will help you retain the Populace in a Zone

5.13.2.5. APPLIED CHEMISTRY TECH GROUP

This Group focuses on finding small and gradual improvements to known chemical reactions and material qualities. All Techs in this group are Linear.

Prospecting Optimization (#117)

This Tech helps the Prospecting Task to find new Raw Deposits. Maximum times three. This Tech also helps increase the level of success when the "Extend Mine" Stratagem is played.

Cross-Fertilization (#125)

This Tech increases the Food yield of Farms.

Maximum doubles.

Fuel Mix Optimization (#122)

This Tech increases the Fuel production. Also improves output from Power Plants (that run on oil).

Maximum doubles.

Armor Piercing Optimization (#53)

This Tech increases the effectiveness of your new Models against hard targets. Maximum 50% higher.

Vehicle Armor Optimization (#62)

This Tech increases the armor strength of your new Models. Maximum 50% higher.

Fuel Efficiency (#66)

This Tech decreases the fuel consumption of your new Models. Maximum 66% less consumption.

Payload Optimization (#107)

This Tech increases the explosive payload that can be carried by Rockets, Missiles and ICBMs.

Maximum 50% increase in lethality.

Water Detox Methods (#68)

This Tech improves the ability of the Water Purification Asset to filter out salinity, heavy metals and rebalance Water Levels.

5.13.2.6. APPLIED ENGINEERING TECH GROUP

This Group focuses on making small and gradual changes to blue prints, construction methods and machinery. All Techs in this group are Linear.

Mining Techniques (#116)

This Tech increases the output of your Metal, Rare Metal and Radioactives mines.

Maximum doubled output.

Energy Storage Optimization (#123)

This Tech increases the amount of Energy that Power Bank Assets can store.

Maximum tripled storage.

Ice Mining Economization (#124)

This Tech increases the output of your Ice/Water mines.

Maximum doubled output.

Conventional Small Arms Optimization (#54)

This Tech increases the firepower of new Models using conventional Rifles and MGs. This include Gas-powered and Gauss Rifles.

Maximum 50% increase in lethality.

Energy Small Arms Optimization (#71)

This Tech increases the firepower of new Models using conventional Rifles and MGs. This include Laser, Beam and Plasma Rifles.

Maximum 50% increase in lethality.

Conventional Gun Optimization (#57)

This Tech increases the firepower of new Models using conventional Guns or Howitzers.

Maximum 50% increase in lethality.

Energy Gun Optimization (#74)

This Tech increases the firepower of new Models using Laser, Beam and Plasma Guns or Howitzers.

Maximum 50% increase in lethality.

Atomic Weapons Optimization (#72)

This Tech increases the firepower of new Models using Atomic Weapons.

Maximum 100% increase in lethality.

Shielding Optimization (#73)

This Tech increases the efficiency and protection an Energy Shield offers.

Maximum 100% increase in protection.

Personal Armor Optimization (#75)

This Tech increases the armor value of armored Suits (from padded Armor upwards).

Maximum 50% increase in protection.

Walker Optimization (#104)

This Tech increases the deadliness of Walkers.

Maximum 50% increase in effective fire power.

Launcher Optimization (#106)

This Tech increases the Range of Rocket Launchers, Missile Launchers and ICBMs.

Maximum 100% increase in range.

Solar Energy Efficiency (#67)

This Tech improves the output of Solar Panel Assets.

5.13.2.7. MANAGEMENT TECH GROUP

This Group focuses on making improvements in your organization, HR departments and doctrines.

Education Methods (#118)

Can improve QOL Education Point output by up to 100%.

Security Tactics (#119)

Can improve QOL Security Point output by up to 100%.

Sanitation Programmes (#120)

Can improve QOL Health Point output by up to 100%.

Communication Techniques (#121)

Can improve QOL Entertainment Point output by up to 100%.

Logistical Optimization (#140)

This Tech will increase the number of Logistical Points generated by your Assets.

5.13.2.8. ADVANCED CHEMISTRY TECH GROUP

This is a group of Techs that focuses mostly on breakthroughs based on Chemical reactions, be they biological or non-biological.

Synthetic Fuel (#6)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that can convert Energy to Fuel.

Methane Synthesis (#110)

If your Planet has methane in the atmosphere, you can construct Assets that extract it and turn it into Fuel.

Serpentization (#109)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that can use Water to trigger a Chemical reaction in the deep soil that generates Energy.

Missiles (#103)

This Tech allows you to design Missile Launchers.

Heavy Guided RPG (#309)

This Tech improves the Guided RPG weapon.

Polymer Armor (#310)

This Tech allows you to design vehicle and Tank Models that use Polymer instead of standard alloys for their Armor.

Metal Soil Filtration (#115)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that can extract Metals and Rare Metals from any part of the Planet's lithosphere.

Lightweight Ammo (#130)

This Tech will allow your Troops to carry more ammo. And thus keep their strength longer in bad supply situations. For aircraft this does not increase ammo, but reduces ammo weight.

5.13.2.9. ADVANCED ENGINEERING TECH GROUP

This Tech Group focuses on conceptualizing new machines or structures to create breakthroughs.

Quad Gun (#311)

This Tech allows you to design Quad MG Models.

Heavy Combat Armor (#59)

This Tech allows you to design Models that wear Heavy Combat Armor.

Cluster Bombs (#312)

This Tech will increase the lethality of conventional Howitzers, Rockets and Missiles versus soft targets. New models will be fitted with the ability.

Advanced Sensors (#313)

New Models will be equipped with superior Sensors that will double the Recon Points of the Model.

Charged Gauss Rifle (#46)

Improved version of the regular Gauss Rifle.

Geo Technics (#133)

This Tech will reduce IP + Metal costs for construction roads and rail in expensive Hexes like mountains.

Mines (#134)

This Tech will give all defenders in land combat +75 attack points on their first counter-attack.

5.13.2.10. MACHINERY TECH GROUP

This Tech Group focuses on conceptualizing and designing new machines.

Volcanic Energy Tap (#108)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that can tap Volcano Hexes for Energy.

Power Banks (#24)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that increase your Zones' Energy storage capacity.

Deep Core Mining (#111)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that extract Fuel from the deep Magma layers deep inside the Planet. Planet must be geologically active in order for this to work.

Water Purification (#47)

This Tech allows you to construct an Asset that can produce extra Water for you if placed next to a Sea or River Hex.

Ammo Compaction (#129)

This Tech will allow a Model to carry less ammo to the same effect. Basically it makes things more economical for you.

Resonance Scanner (#138)

Short for Thermal Resonance Scanner. This Tech will double the Recon Points of a Model.

5.13.2.11. PROPULSION TECH GROUP

This Tech Group focuses on creating new methods of locomotion and propulsion.

Electric Engine (#314)

This Tech allows you to design Models that use an Electrical instead of a combustion engine. These engines however use Energy instead of Fuel.

Jetpack (#315)

This Tech allows you to design Jetpack Infantry Models.

High Speed Rail (#316)

This Tech allows you to construct Magnetic Rail Lines and High-Speed Rail Stations.

Micro Nuke RPG (#317)

This Tech provides you with the option to equip your RPG Infantry Models with an extremely lethal weapon.

Hyper Explosive Ammo (#131)

This Tech will increase the Soft Attack / Defense values of weapons that are using Ammo.

5.13.2.12. ATOMICS TECH GROUP

Nuclear Plant (#318)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that produce a lot of Energy by fissioning Radioactive Items.

Radiation Cleansing Facility (#319)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that clean up Radiation waste. The higher the Level of the Facility, the further away it will be able to clean-up Radiation.

Atomic Bomb (#320)

This Tech allows you to design Nuclear Missile Launchers.

Tactical Nuke (#321)

This Tech allows you to design guns that can launch small nukes. The tactical nuke can only be installed on the Monitor Tank and the Automated Turret.

Actinide Tipped Ammo (#136)

This Tech will increase the Hard Attack / Hard values of weapons that are using Ammo.

5.13.2.13. ENERGETICS TECH GROUP

This Tech Group focuses on harnessing and creating new forms of magnetism, energy and light.

Laser Rifles (#322)

This Tech allows you to design models that use Gauss Weapons as their Rifle or MG.

Laser Guns (#323)

This Tech allows you to design Tank models that use a Laser Gun.

Hi-Tech Industry (#324)

This Tech allows you to construct Assets that can produce Hi-Tech Items.

Echo Tracer Spy Kit (#136)

This Tech will give your spies a lot more chance to uncover enemy Units.

Chameleon Camo (#137)

This Tech will give your troops more Hide Points. Works best with small Size Models, like Infantry.

5.13.2.14. AUTOMATION TECH GROUP

This Tech Group focuses on robotization and software-controlled machinery.

Battledress (#60)

This Tech allows you to equip your new Infantry Models with a powered armor.

Industrial Robotization (#325)

This Tech allows your Regular and Heavy Industries to produce double what they produced before. Hi-Tech Industry does NOT benefit from this Tech.

Automated Turret (#326)

This Tech allows you to produce Automated Turrets.

Hydroponics Robotization (#327)

This Tech allows all your Hydroponic Assets to produce more.

Adds 100% extra production.

If you have this Tech and Food Mass Pool, together they'll add 300% extra production.

Mining Robotization (#328)

This Tech allows all your Mines to produce more.

Doubles the production (this excludes Oil Drilling).

Automated Logistics (#141)

This Tech increases the Logistical Points produced by your Assets.

Ultra Capacitors (#128)

This Tech will prevent Troops suffering from battery-self-discharge. It also doubles Power Bank storage.

Ablat Coating (#139)

This Tech will give existing armor more Hitpoints when attacked by Laser or Beam weaponry.

5.13.2.15. HEAVY MACHINERY TECH GROUP

This Tech Group focuses on conceptualizing and designing exceptionally heavy or big new machines.

Walker Hydraulics (#101)

Allows you to design Walker Models.

Extreme Vehicles (#329)

Allows you to design Monitor Tanks.

Food Mass Pool (#330)

This Tech allows your Hydroponic Assets to produce much more.

Adds 100% extra production.

If you have this Tech and Hydroponics Robotization, together they'll add 300% extra production.

Ammo-Printer (#127)

This Tech increases the Ammo production of your Ammunitions Factory.

5.13.2.16. EARLY ORBITAL TECH GROUP

This Tech Group focuses on escaping fully or partial the atmosphere of the Planet. In this pursuit many related fields might be touched upon.

ICBM Fusion 10MT (#331)

This Tech allows you design ICBM Models.

Nuclear Engine (#332)

This Tech allows you to equip new vehicle Models with a Nuclear Engine. These engines work on Atomic batteries and thus no Fuel or Energy is required.

ICBM Fusion 50MT (#333)

This Tech allows you to increase the power of the missiles launched by your ICBMs.

ICBM Fusion 100MT (#334)

This Tech allows you to increase the power of the missiles launched by your ICBMs.

5.13.2.17. FUSION ATOMICS TECH GROUP

This Tech Group focuses on more advanced forms of extracting energy or lethal weapons from Radioactives.

Fusion Plant (#336)

This Tech doubles the output of your existing Atomic Plants.

Fusion Bomb (#335)

This Tech allows you to equip your Nuclear Missile Launchers with a more lethal Radioactive load.

5.13.2.18. PHOTONICS TECH GROUP

This Tech Group focuses on more advanced forms of harnessing energy, lasers and related technologies.

Beam Guns (#337)

This Tech allows you to equip your vehicle models with Beam Guns.

Shield Generator (#338)

This Tech allows you to design Mobile and Wide Area Shield Generator Models.

Atmospheric Membranes (#339)

Open Farming becomes possible irrespective of Atmospheric hazards. However, keep in mind that extreme temperatures and/or alien biohazards might still make open farming impractical.

Photonic Mines (#135)

This Tech will give all defenders in land combat +75 attack points, or 20% of targets Hit Points, on their first counter-attack. Note that this is a very powerful defensive weapon for cheap Infantry versus expensive Tanks.

5.13.2.19. ROBOTICS TECH GROUP

This Tech Group focuses on completely on advanced robotization.

Heavy Battledress (#340)

This Tech allows you to equip your Infantry Models with a super advanced version of regular Battledress.

Robotic Soldier (#342)

This Tech allows you to design Robotic Infantry Models that can act as replacements for regular Infantry.

Liquid Armor (#343)

Intelligent armor using high pressurized liquids to counter the effects of Energy weapons. Allows you to equip your vehicle Models with this armor, instead of conventional or polymer alloys that are both vulnerable to Energy weapons.

5.13.2.20. ADVANCED PHOTONICS TECH GROUP

This Tech Group focuses on completely on advanced robotization.

Miniature Shield Generator (#344)

This Tech allows you to equip your Infantry Models with their own personal energy shields.

Plasma Guns (#345)

This Tech allows you to equip your vehicle models with Plasma Guns.

Combined Beam Guns (#346)

This Tech allows you to equip your vehicle models with Combined Beam Guns.

Light Plasma Rifles (#343)

This Tech allows you to equip your Infantry Models with portable plasma weaponry.

5.13.2.21. GR TECH

This Tech Group cannot be discovered by regular research, but Techs inside this Group can be unlocked by certain Fate Stratagems.

GR Optics (#401)

Increases the kill chance of your equipment with +33%.

GR Coating (#402)

Increases conventional weapon effectiveness against hard targets with +33%.

GR Supercharger (#403)

Laser/Beam weapons get +25% more firepower.

GR Shell Camera (#404)

Gives 1 Recon Point per ranged attack.

GR Infiltration Methods (#405)

Specialist coded GR instructions work well and give your troops more chances to break through to the enemy's rear during combat.

GR Combat Simulator (#406)

Allows XP to go up +10 points higher, without needing to get in actual combat.

GR Combat Drugs (#407)

Allows to gain extra Readiness at start of combat if Readiness is low.

GR Ringmail (#408)

Lower Tech armour will be improved with this Tech. Envirosuit +75%, Padded +50%, Combat +25%.

GR Massdriver (#409)

New super-HV (high velocity) 100mm conventional gun that actually counts as 300 mm in caliber calculations.

GR Chaingun (#410)

All conventional/flechette MGs get +50% against hard targets.

5.14. RECON

You can acquire Recon on three kinds of game pieces. On Regimes, on Zones and on Units.

The means to acquire this Recon is by Spies, by Unit Recon and by diplomatic contact or proximity.

5.14.2.1. REGIME RECON

On each Regime you can have a number of Recon Points.

The more Recon Points, the more you know about the Regime.

Regime Recon Levels

The higher the Recon Level, the more you know about another Regime.

The Recon Level is determined at the start of the turn. If you find a new Regime on the map during your turn you'll have to wait till the next turn to be able to play Stratagems (like Make Contact) on it.

LEVEL	INFORMATION
0	You just encountered this Regime and have yet to learn more. You cannot play Stratagems on it You can always see if a Minor is a Vassal or Protectorate of a Major Regime
1	You know the Regime exists and you can play Stratagems on it
2	You know the Leader and Culture of the Regime.
3	You know their Tech Level
3	You know their Political System
4	You know their Factions / Their Leader Faction
5	You know the Profile of the Regime
5	You know their Regime Feats
5	You know who they are at war with and peace with
6	You know the Details on their Factions (support received from 3rd parties + profiles)
10	You have indication of the ai Intention. At 50 you are sure
10	You know their Tech Levels
10	You know an approximate of Total Economy Stats. At 50 you are sure. Includes Trade (might need stats)
10	You know the boundaries of the Zones the Regime controls
10	You know an approximate of Total Military Stats. At 50 you are sure.
30	You know the types of military forces the Regime commands
50	Statistics Tab active. You know their total force strength and losses and kills (Statistics)

The Recon Level is determined at start of turn and takes the following into account:

- Having Hex-to-Hex contact with a Regime at start of turn ensures Recon Level growth up to Level 2 (in the case of Minors with Unclear relation you need to have Hex-to-Location or Hex-to-Unit contact)
- Having had a diplomatic or other interaction with a Regime before the start of the turn can raise the Recon Level with up to 10 points
- If Regime has at least 8 Zones, gain extra Regime Recon Points equal to your total number of Spies in all their Zones * 2. If Regime Zones = 6-7, bonus rises to 2.5 * Total Spies, if 4-5 Zones gain 3 * Total Spies, if 2-3 Zones gain 4 * Total Spies and if there's only 1 Zone in Regime, add 6 * Total Spies
- 20 Recon Points for having Opened Contact, 40 Recon Points for having an Embassy, 60 Recon Points for having a Cultural Exchange in place
- 10 Recon Points for Trade Relations, 20 Recon Points for Free Trade relations, 30 Recon Points for Free Movement relations

- 5 Recon Points for Scientific Cooperation, 10 Recon Points for Scientific Exchange and 15 Recon Points for Scientific Joint Effort
- 5 Recon Points for Non-Aggression pact, 10 Recon Points for Friendship pact, 15 Recon Points for Victory pact
- 20 Recon Points if you are the Protector of a Minor Regime
- 40 Recon Points if you are the Master of a “Client State” Minor Regime
- Being a shareholder in a MTH together with another Major Regime gives +1 recon on that Regime. If you have more shares than that Regime it is +5 due to the MTH sharing more info with you.

5.14.2.2. ZONE RECON

On each Zone you can have a number of Recon Points.

The more Recon Points, the more information you know about the Zone and its Hexes on the map.

Zone Recon Levels

The higher the Zone Recon Level, the more you know about the Zone.

The Zone Recon Level is determined at the start of the turn. If you find a new Zone on the map during your turn, you’ll have to wait till the next turn to be able to play Stratagems (like Spies) on it.

LEVEL	INFORMATION
0	You just encountered this Zones and have yet to learn more. You cannot play Stratagems on it.
1	You know the Zone exists and you can play Stratagems on it.
2	You know the Zone extent, Governor and Owner
5	Know all Hexes + Get Recon Level 1 on neighbouring Zones
10	Have 1 Hex Recon Point on all Hexes of Zone
15	Know all Key Zone Statistics
11-30	Have 10 Hex Recon Points on some Hexes of Zone. At 30+ all Hexes will have 10 Recon Points
20-100	Have 100 Hex Recon Points on some Hexes of Zone, at 100+ all Hexes will have 100 Recon Point

The Zone Recon Level is determined at start of turn and takes the following into account:

- Having Hex-to-Hex contact with a Zone at start of turn ensures Zone Recon Level 1

- 1 Zone Recon Point for each 10 Regime Recon Points you have on its owner
- 1d4 Zone Recon Point for each Spy you have in the Zone
- Having Recon Level 5 or higher on a neighbouring Zone
- Protectorate Zone is +10
- Client Zone is +20

5.14.2.3. LOSING SPIES

You can lose Spies due to various reasons. Think of those disappearing as getting killed in action or returning to base to avoid exposure.

The better the Covert Ops Skill of the Director of your Secret Service Council, the less chance there is this happens.

The higher the Troops density, security level, Governor Secret Ops Skill, Tradition level of the Zone of the Spy's operations, the greater the chance of losing the Spy.

Spies will be more prone to capture if they are more numerous.

5.14.2.4. HEX RECON LEVELS

This is more like tactical Recon and reveals information on Units or Assets in the Hex.

LEVEL	INFORMATION
1	You can spot Assets in the Hex
2	You spot Units in the Hex
40	You can spot Units in the Hex
400	You will know 100% sure the details of the Units in the Hex

Note every Hex on the map receives 2 Hide Points (for Units) by default.

Hide Points

Troop types can have their own Hide Points which can make them impossible to spot if enemy does not have the same amount of Recon Points on the Hex. If multiple troops are mixed in one Unit the Hide Points of the Unit is the lowest Hide Point value of its Subunit.

Note that rainfall can increase this with up to +100 Hide Points. Until 1000 mm of rainfall there is no effect. After that +1 Hide Point per 100 mm of rain. Maxing out at 11000 mm rainfall.

Landscape Types also provide Hide Points to troops within their Hex.

LANDSCAPE TYPE	HIDE POINTS
Low Mountain	30
Low Forested Mountain	40
High Mountain	50
Savannah	10
Ruins	20
Forest	30
Heavy Forest	40
Jungle	50
Cloud Forest	60

Note that there are several Techs available to further increase Hide Points as well as Recon Points.

5.15. VICTORY

Winning the game is in theory a straightforward affair. Check the Victory Report in the Reports Tab for a breakdown how far away you are from victory. In a nutshell, you need to have a Victory Score higher than 50 while the difference with your closest opponent is at least 25 points.

The Victory Score is a mix of the percentage of Planetary Populace and the percentage of the Planetary land Hexes you control.

5.15.1. PBEM / HOTSEAT

A game started with multiple Humans has the same victory condition as a single player game. However, in a “PBEM” game eliminating all other Human opponents is also considered a victory.

5.15.2. RESIGN

It is possible to resign as well. To do this call your Secretary and discuss your resignation with him/her. In a multi-player game this is essential to keep the game running for possible other players. In a single player game with FOW this is a more interesting option because more statistics will be visible to you before you abandon your empire for good.

Note that it takes one turn for your resignation to be turned into a defeat. So, after resigning you’ll always have to press the End Turn button.

5.16. ON THE SCALE

This section includes a few notes on the scale of the game.

5.16.1. PLANET

One Hex is 200km in size.

5.16.2. TIME

One turn is 2 earth months (but not necessarily 2 local Planet months... that depends on the length of a local year). Do mouse over the date in the Map Screen to see all the dates.

5.16.3. RESOURCES

To give you an idea here is a list what each Item more or less represents:

RESOURCE	REPRESENTS
1 Fuel	10 Tons
1 Metal	10 Tons
1 Rare Metal	10 Tons
1 Radioactives	10 Tons
1 Water	100 Tons
1 Food	10 Tons
1 Industrial Points	Abstracted
1 Ammo	5,000 cartridges / 100 shells
1 Machines	Abstracted
1 Hi-Tech Parts	Abstracted
1 Energy	100 MWh
1 Credit	Say about \$25,000 equiv.

5.16.4. LOGISTICS

1 Logistical Point equals 10 Tons of transport potential.

5.16.5. OTHER THINGS

Rainfall is kept track of in mm/year. Where a year is an old-Earth year. So if in a certain round you inspect a certain Hex and would want to know the real rainfall in mm for that round (2 old-Earth Months) you would have to divide it by 6.

5.17. DESIGN COMPROMISES

Especially on scale, some compromises have been made. Combat and logistics are modelled as if the game Hex scale was lower. Combat with a few thousand men (or even several tens of thousands) would not see frontlines as we see them in the game. Some abstraction has been taking place between what probably would have happened and what is happening in the game.


Concerning logistics things should have been harder on the player, given the really huge distances (200km/Hex) on the map.

Concerning the economy, things are modelled as if the Populaces were bigger than they actually are. One might raise an eyebrow at sometimes very small groups of people managing to build railroads, nuclear plants and huge factories.

On logistics and economy and in my defence: Countries like Iceland have undertaken many large projects as well and they could well have been a Zone in *Shadow Empire*. Furthermore, we are playing in the far future and some of technical details of equipment, Assets and Techs being used might well be superior to our own analogues.

Research has been modelled as if the game's turn scale was actually higher. It would be doubtful our survivors in *Shadow Empire* could in reality actually advance from bullet-spitting rifles to plasma weapons in less than the span of a lifetime. However, in my defence: a Slow option is proposed in the game setup and much left-over knowledge can still be found on the Planet. It would be good to look at research as partially research and partially learning to re-understand old documentation and machinery.

I also had to compromise on the AI design. What I tried to do is make the AI play by different rules wherever where making the AI able to play by the same rules would require excessive coding time with minimal gain for the player experience. What has always remained important to me is that the core rules that actually decide defeat or victory (combat and economy), the AI plays by exactly the same rules. For example: If you take its Farms, the AI will have a problem feeding its Troops. If the AI does not have a Water Mine, it will have to build bloody expensive Wind Traps to get Water to its Farms. If you encircle the AI its Troops will starve. Etc...



No simulation is perfect. And in game design, some compromises always have to be made. I know some people will claim differently, but I beg to disagree with them.

Some compromises have been made to make the gameplay work better, some to save some valuable design time. Keep in mind that I spent a long time on the development of *Shadow Empire* and that development is very probably (as I see it at the time of writing) not finished yet and in the coming years many additions and improvements to the game are still possible.

You might agree with the above. Or not agree, but I wanted to let you know we are aware that it is possible to criticize a number of the design choices that have been made.

5.18. AI RULES DIFFERENCES

The AI partially plays with the same set of rules as the Human players. Notably the AI uses the same rules for almost all the economic and military parts of the game. However, in quite a number of cases a different set is used for the AI.

RULES MODULE	MAJOR REGIME AI	MINOR REGIME	UNALIGNED
Combat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same rules AI Zone Danger however does not increase due to combat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same rules AI Zone Danger however does not increase due to combat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same rules
Production and construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Assets only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Supply, Ammo and Fuel usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Militia-like forces only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Militia-like forces only
Ammo production	Does not build Ammo Factories but get similar reduction on artisanal ammo production	Militia-like forces only	Militia-like forces only
Logistical Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Dirt Road construction Free Logistical Points and AP Range on its Cities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units get supplied as Militia, but supplies do not pass through an SHQ, but Units do need a connection with their City 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supplies arrive directly with Units, even if encircled (also the case for certain Minors that don't normally have Cities)
Organizations, Techs, Models and Formation Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Organizations Does need to produce BP BP is directly spent on buying Techs, Models or Formation Types 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Organizations No Techs, Models or Formation Types Their Troops and equipments improves over time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Organizations No Techs, Models or Formation Types Their Troops and equipments improves over time
Factions and elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almost same rules as for a Player Major Regime But the Leader of the Faction that wins the election becomes the new Supreme Leader Fixed to 3 Factions with their own scripts No new Factions No Faction deletion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *No Factions, no Elections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *No Factions, no Elections
Spies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doesn't use them yet except for in some story events But AI has a rather vague view on your empire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doesn't use them yet except for in some story events But AI has a rather vague view on your empire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units only see direct neighbouring Hexes
Decisions and story modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will not be confronted with them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will not be confronted with them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will not be confronted with them
Leader Relation levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate calculation method Governor not impacted (positively or negatively) Skill Rolls not impacted (positively or negatively) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only a Supreme Leader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Leaders

Regime Profiles and Unit Feats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Uses same rules for Profiles and related Unit Feats ▪ *Also gets the Veteran Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain Unit Feats with time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No profiles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No profiles
Treasury, Credits, Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Easier rules and no Credits need to be paid for salaries or recruitment ▪ Trade rules are exactly the same as for non-AI Players 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None
Colonists, Workers, Population, Recruits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can shift Populace more easily between them ▪ Recruits follow the same rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None
Stratagems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only has access to Diplomacy and Posture (if profile is right) Stratagems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No Stratagems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No Stratagems
Playing of Diplomatic Stratagems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If target is an AI the response is immediate. If target is Human Player the response will follow in the humans turn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If target is an AI the response is immediate. If target is Human Player the response will follow in the humans turn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cannot be a target
Diplomatic Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some scripted diplomatic events, but the AI makes its own analysis and determines which diplomatic Stratagems to playable ▪ Relations with Minors for the AI are always "clear". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scripted Diplomatic Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Always at "war" with everybody
Asset Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Free Ports and Airfields (same rules for all other Asset Types) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same Rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same Rules

The AI thus has a number of advantages over a Human player, such as that it is easy for the AI to maintain a good Logistical Network with lots of Points, but keep in mind that this does not protect the AI from encirclement.

Furthermore the AI also has a number of disadvantages as it is not able to pick up on a number of extras that players can (from Stratagems, Decisions and stories) as well as missing out on some bonuses (like high Leader Relation scores).

6. ADDITIONAL RULES

6.1. AIR FORCES

Air forces are the first big post-release addition to the rules of *Shadow Empire*. As they might not be everybody's cup of tea, when setting up a new game you can explicitly choose to have these Air forces rules enabled or disabled. You do this by flagging the option "Air Forces enabled" under the Development and Technology Level settings in the Generation Settings Window during setup.

6.1.1. INTRODUCTION

Air forces allow you to use many new tactics and strategies. From reconnaissance missions, to ground support airstrikes to organizing Air Bridges.

However Air Model Types are a type of equipment that requires careful Model design depending on the type of Planet where you find yourself. A Planet with hardly any atmosphere will not be able to support Propellor Engines or Jet Engines, as there is nothing for them to use to create velocity, but Rocket Engines might well enable you to take to the skies. Planets with both low gravity and a reasonable atmosphere will make it extremely easy to fly and Airpower will likely be important on these kinds of worlds. In the right circumstances (air pressure > gravity) Thopters will also be a viable option.

Air Model Types are special in the fact that they can be very lethal, but are very vulnerable at the same time. They do not have a lot of Hitpoints and are thus vulnerable to Anti-Air weaponry and enemy Interceptors.

It does require a certain level of investment however to develop your own Air Force. Research needs to be done and Model Types have to be discovered and then designed. And you'll need the infrastructure in the form of Airbases to properly service your Air Units.

6.1.2. MOVING AIR UNITS

You'll need to be in Move Order Mode in order to do this. Once there this is done in exactly the same way as you move your Land Units. You left click

to select a Unit and then right click on a highlighted (in white) Hex the Unit has to move to.

However keep in mind that Aircraft (except VTOL) will need a Hex with a sufficient Airbase Level in their destination Hex. Inspect your Air Models' details to learn the minimum Airbase Level necessary.

AIRCRAFT MODEL TYPE	MINIMUM AIRBASE LEVEL NEEDED
Ultralight Aircraft	Level 1
Light Aircraft	Level 2
Medium Aircraft	Level 3
Heavy Aircraft	Level 4
Extra-Heavy Aircraft	Level 5
Helicopters	none*
Thopters	none*
VTOL Aircraft	none*

*=Not needed, but still advised to have your Helicopters, Thopters and VTOL aircraft at optimal Readiness.

6.1.3. AIRSTRIKES

To launch Airstrikes you need to switch the Order Mode to Airstrike. An Airstrike is initiated much in the same way as a regular Land Attack. You left click to select an Air Unit and then you right click on a highlighted (in red) Hex to initiate an Airstrike on that Hex. Doing so will bring up the Combat Selection Popup and allow you to add even more Air Units to the Airstrike, from different source Hexes if you wish to do so.

6.1.4. AIR RECON

To do an Air Recon mission you need to switch the Order Mode to Air Recon. Once this is done you left click to select an Air Unit and then right click on a highlighted (in white) Hex the Unit has to perform an Air Recon mission on. Doing so will bring up the Combat Selection Popup and allow you to add even more Air Units to join the Air Recon mission.

Keep in mind that Air Recon missions last only 3 combat rounds (and the first 2 are less lethal where it concerns air-to-air fire). More about this in the Air Combat section.

An Air Recon mission will give you Recon Points on the Hex in question, but also on neighboring Hexes. It gives you much more recon than any

coincidental recon gained with other missions. The Recon Points gained in this way are of course only valid for the remainder of your turn.

6.1.5. AIR BRIDGES

When in Air Bridge Order Mode you are not immediately executing Air Bridges, instead you are setting the order to do so at the start of your next turn. To order an Air Bridge mission you need to switch the Order Mode to Air Bridge. Once there this is done you left click to select an Air Unit and then right click on a highlighted (in white) Hex the Unit has to perform an Air Bridge mission on. Doing so will establish the Air Bridge order.

You'll be notified by the appearance of a letter on the Unit and the Hex. Note that this letter has a background color to indicate its status.

COLOR	STATUS
Gray	Just ordered, will be executed early next turn
Black	Executed without issue start of this turn
Red	Executed with damage suffered start of this turn
Blue	Executed with less logistical points than expected at start of this turn.
Orange	Executed with less logistical points than expected at start of this turn. And also suffered damage.

You can cancel the order by going to the specific Air Bridge Detail Popup (accessible through Air Bridge Report in your Reports Tab or through Zone Logistical Bottom Subtab) or by re-issuing the Air Bridge Order on the same Hex (which will be interpreted as a cancelling of the order)

However keep in mind that Aircraft (except VTOL) will need a Hex with a sufficient Airbase Level in their Air Bridge destination Hex. Inspect your Air Models' details to learn the minimum Airbase Level necessary.

As Air Bridges are only executed at the start of your next turn make sure you'll leave enough Action Points (and maximized to Readiness) with your Units. Otherwise they might not be able to execute the Air Bridge Order. When the Air Bridges are executed it is possible enemy Air Units intercept your mission, or enemy Anti-Air Units fire upon your Air Bridge attempt. This can cost you Air forces as well as impose a Damage Percentage on the Air Bridge.

Keep in mind that Air Bridge missions last only 3 combat rounds (and the first 2 are less lethal where it concerns air-to-air fire)

If two Air Bridges are present between Hex A and Hex B, one from A -> B and one from B -> A any Logistical Point usage is spread over the two, same for determining damage. Both are weighted for their size when applying these rules.

Having a Damage Percentage on an Air Bridge means that any Troops or Items flowing through it will probably lose that percentage. For automated flows it is possible to set a maximum Damage Percentage in the SHQ Unit Administration Popup. If you set this to maximum 20% Damage, for example, your SHQ will not try to use an Air Bridge with 30% Damage to supply a Unit.

Some Items have no weight (Water/Energy) for regular land transport, but for Air all items have at least a weight of 1.

If a logistical connection by Land is possible the Air Bridge will not be used.

Air Bridges can be used for:

- Supply to Unit (SHQ can disable)
- Supply to Zone (SHQ can disable)
- Pickup from Zone (but not Maximum Storage) (SHQ can disable)
- Strategic Move Mode (either as Air Landing or Air Evacuate)
- SHQ->SHQ Transfer
- Replacement Troops buying (auto-replacements do not work through Air Bridges)

When you have Air Bridge into enemy terrain you can use it to do Air Landings which can result in Combat. The defender will have +50% bonus on their attack scores during such a combat.

You can initiate an Air Landing or Air Evacuate by using the Strategic Move Mode. The Air Bridges simply extend your normal road/rail Logistical Network. The maximum size of Troop types that can be moved through this Air Bridge is equal to the root of (the average cargo capacity in kg divided by 1000) and rounded up.

6.1.6. AIR INTERCEPTING

For each Air Unit you have you can set its Air Intercept order in the Unit Administration Popup Window. The Intercept order is based around the Readiness Score of the Air Unit. This is because Readiness plays a major role in combat performance. Having an Air Unit intercept at 50 Readiness instead of 100 Readiness can easily double the losses for the interceptors.

Air Intercept tests are made during the enemy turn. The Air Units Intercept range is calculated using the Readiness Score instead of the Action Points and diminished with 33%. Interception is never a certainty, but the closer the Interceptor Unit is to the Hex where the enemy Air Units are active and the higher the Readiness, the more chance an Air Intercept will take place.

6.1.7. ANTI-AIR UNITS

If an enemy attacks (or otherwise engages) one of your Hexes any Anti-Air weapons that are in AA-Range will join the defense of the Hex.

Keep in mind that out-of-Hex Units will fire, but will not be able to be targeted themselves.

6.1.8. AIR MISSIONS COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW

A quick overview of some of the particularities:

MISSION TYPE	RANGE	USES UP ACTION POINTS	FUEL CONSUMPTION	COMBAT ROUNDS
Air Recon	Depends on Action Points	Yes	100%	3
Air Strike	Depends on Action Points	Yes	100%	10
Air Bridge	Depends on Action Points maximized for Readiness	No	50%	3
Air Intercept	Depends on Readiness Score acting as Action Points	No	50%	Depends on attackers mission
AA Intercept (out of Hex)	-	No	None	Depends on attackers mission

6.1.9. AIRBASES

Active Airbases produce Airbase Points. These Airbase Points are needed to properly service any Air Units on the Hex.

The needed number of Airbase Points needed is the sum of $\sqrt{\text{size}}$ of all Air in the Hex.

AIRBASE LEVEL	AIRBASE POINTS
Level I	40
Level II	80
Level III	160
Level IV	320
Level V	640
Level VI	1280
Level VII	2560

If the number of Airbase Points is equal or larger than the Airbase Points needed everything is going just great. However if there are too many Air Forces in the Hex it will result in a decrease of Max Readiness and Readiness Recovery.

Shortage of Airbase Points	Readiness Recovery Modifier for Regular Aircraft	Readiness Recovery Modifier for Vtol, Helicopter or Thopter	Max Readiness for Regular Aircraft	Max Readiness for Vtol, Helicopter or Thopter
25%	-12.5%	-12.5%	75	95
50%	-25%	-25%	50	90
100%	-50%	-50%	10	80

6.1.10. AIR FORCE RESEARCH COUNCIL AND AIR TECHS

It is possible to form an additional Research Council solely focused on research of Air Force related Techs. You can play perfectly fine without it as the regular Military Research Council can discover and research the same Techs. However if you want to focus more on Air Force research while still continuing research on other Techs as well this extra Air Force Council will allow you to do exactly that.

6.1.11. AIR MODEL TYPES

6.1.11.1. MODEL TYPES

Aircraft

Aircraft come in 8 frame sizes. From the Ultralight Aircraft Model Type to the Extra Heavy Aircraft Model Type. The larger the frame the more

engines and weight it can carry. Except for when they are using VTOL engines they'll need Airbases to take off from and to land on.

Helicopters

Helicopters come in 3 frame sizes. The largest one even has two rotors. All helicopters can take off and land anywhere they please. Helicopters are notoriously slow compared to Aircraft and Thopters equipped with Jet Engines.

Thopters

Thopters are superior to Helicopters as they have the same advantage in being able to take off and land anywhere, but being equipped with Jet Engines they can have much higher speeds and thus higher Dogfight Scores.

6.1.11.2. OVERVIEW OF CHOICES

Here follows an overview of the Choices you can make when designing a new Air.

Role

This is an important choice as the role determines in what kind of Formations the Model will be usable, what altitude it will fly and if it will try to dogfight with enemy aircraft...

ROLE	AVOID DOGFIGHTING ENEMY AIRCRAFT?	ALTITUDE
Recon	Yes*	Low
Fighter	No	Low
Fighter-Bomber	No	Low
Tactical Bomber	Yes*	Low
Level Bomber	Yes*	High
Transporter	Yes*	High

*=if possible

Engines

The more powerful the engines the more range and/or maximum speed the Model will have.

TYPE	NOTES
Propellor	Basic start. Heavier ones get very heavy and guzzle really a lot of oil.
Turboprop	33% more power. Heavier ones lose the expensive weight increases and oil consumption. It is definitely an improvement, but not humongous.
Jet Engine	Double the weight and fuel usage, but also double the Engine Power. Requires Machinery Items to build.
Turbojet	Increases engine Power with +100%.
VTOL Turbojet	Same as Turbojet but more expensive to produce and taking more Weight on the aircraft. (max upto 2 engines)
Plasma	Increases engine Power again with +100%
Rotor	More powerful, but Helicopters need that. Also more expensive as helicopters are costly. But they are the first Tech that allows you to land anywhere.
Rocket	Super powerful, but guzzles fuel in amazing quantities

Wings

Only for aircraft. Helicopters and Thopters do not need to make this choice. The larger the wings the more lift, the lower the takeoff speed and the stall speed.

Fuel Tank

The more fuel on board the more range the Model will have.

Air-to-Air Weapon

Used to engage other aircraft.

TYPE	NOTES
Twin Heavy MG	Simplest way to obtain air superiority
MG Cupola's	Simplest way to have some defense against enemy Fighters
Air-to-Air Missiles	Innovation in destroying enemy aircraft from a long distance. The heavier the missile the longer the distance.

Air-to-Surface Weapon

Used to engage ground targets.

TYPE	NOTES
Bombing hatch	Powerful against structural and soft targets
Precision Bombs	Powerful against hard targets
Air-to-Surface Rockets	Innovation in destroying hard targets. More effective than Precision Bombs.

Cargo Space

Used to transport Troops or Items through Air Bridges.

6.1.11.3. VIABILITY

When you are designing an Air Model there is a final viability check being performed before the Design of the Model can start. This Viability check ensures that your parameters will result in a Model that can obtain enough speed to take off and stay in the air and at least have a range of several Hexes.

6.1.12. ANTI-AIR MODEL TYPES

These Model Types compromise the SAM Launcher, Flak Gun and Manpad. All three follow the regular Model Design rules for Land Units.

SAM Launchers have superior range and can reach high altitude aircraft. Manpads are cheap, but are only useful against low altitude aircraft. Flak Guns are in between.

WEAPON TYPE	ANTI-AIR VALUE	TECH LEVEL REQUIRED	ANTI-AIR RANGE	EFFECTIVENESS VERSUS LOW ALTITUDE	EFFECTIVENESS VERSUS HIGH ALTITUDE
Sam Launcher Small	100 (kill-40%)	-	2-4	100%	100%
Sam Launcher Medium	130 (kill-60%)	Tech 3	3-5	100%	100%
Sam Launcher Large	150 (kill-80%)	Tech 5	4-6	100%	100%
Flak Gun 50mm	50	-	0	100%	50%
Flak Gun 88mm	75	-	1	100%	75%
Flak Gun 100mm SHV	100	Tech 3	1	100%	100%
Flak Gun Twin-100mm SHV	200	Tech 5	1	100%	100%
Manpad (Guided RPG Tech)	40	-	0	100%	0%
Heavy Manpad (Heavy Guided RPG Tech)	50	-	0	100%	25%
Super Heavy Manpad (Missile Tech)	60	-	0	100%	50%
MG*	4	0	0	100%	0%
Twin MG Heavy*	20	0	0	100%	0%
Quad MG*	30	0	0	100%	0%

*=Note that any Model with MGs will have some limited Anti-Air value against low altitude aircraft.

6.1.13. AIR FORMATIONS

For a specific Air Formation to be raised you'll need to have developed a Model using the Role that the Air Formation needs. So for example to raise a Recon Squadron you'll need to have designed a Model with the Recon Role. All Air Formations are accessible without the need to discover them or to operationalize them.

6.1.14. AIR COMBAT

There are a number of special rules you should be aware of.

6.1.14.1. AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES

Air Models with MGs suffer big combat penalties (attacker and defender) in air-to-air dogfighting during the first 2 combat rounds. However Air Models with Air Missiles will have much less or no such penalty and therefore will be very lethal against Air Models just equipped with MGs.

6.1.14.2. DOGFIGHT SCORE

The Air Models will have their Dogfight score ratio used as a modifier, meaning that for example Air Model A with Dogfight Score 20 attacking Air Model B with Dogfight Score 40 will have its attack value reduced with 50%. The reverse effect is also there subject to a square root. This effect is also less pronounced in the first combat round and somewhat during the second combat round, as the initial distances involved will negate any dogfighting advantage.

6.1.14.3. AIRBASE UNDER ATTACK

Any Air Units that are attacked on their own Airbase Hex will suffer combat penalties. Their attack points will be reduced in combat round 1,2 and 3 by respectively -100%, -66% and -33%. Their hit points will be reduced by -66%, -44% and -22%. These penalties simulate the time needed to scramble and get up in the air. It might well be advisable to place some Anti-Air weaponry on Airbase Hexes in order to protect them.

6.1.15. AIR OHQS AND LEADER SKILLS

It is possible to Raise a special Air OHQ. Such an OHQ can have up to 8 Air Units under its command. It allows you to assign a dedicated Leader to command these Air Units.

Such an Air Commander will be able to learn different kinds of air combat related Skills and significantly improve the performance of your air forces.

The following Skills can be mastered:

Air Tactics

This Skill will help improve communications and flight plans of all Aircraft in combat (Increase Attack Value).

Air Intercepts

This Skill will help intercepting Aircraft to most smartly intercept and target enemy attacking aircraft (Increase Attack Value of Defenders).

Air Offensive

This Skill will help attacking Aircraft to use optimal tactics and surprise vectors to target enemy interceptors or grounded aircraft – not used in Air Bridge Missions which are not deemed offensive (Increase Attack Value of Attackers).

Ground Attack

This Skill will help coordinate Aircraft to strike ground targets at the best advantage (Increase Attack Value of Air Attackers versus ground targets).

Aerial Logistics

This Skill will help immensely with getting Air Bridges to perform better than normally expected.

Anti-Air Tactics

This Skill will increase the aim and placement of Anti-Air weapons like SAM Launchers and Flak Guns (Increase Attack Value of ground Defenders versus Air targets).

Against the Odds + Lead from the Front

Also used by Air Commanders

6.1.16. AI RULES DIFFERENCES

The AI gets Free Airbase construction, but still has to pay for their operating costs.

The AI's aircraft do not have Minimum Airbase Level rules, but still need an Airbase to operate.

The AI does not try to establish Air Bridges as for now.

The AI does not get reduced Max Readiness and Readiness regain for insufficient Airbase Points.

6.2. OCEANIA DLC

When rolling a new Planet the Oceania DLC features can be enabled or disabled. On some Planets (with a lot of surface water) it must be enabled and on some (with scarce or no water) it must be disabled.

For a long time the Planet Generation of Shadow Empire was limited to dry Planets and Planets with relatively small bodies of water. With the Oceania DLC you can create second Earths and even Waterworlds. Planets with many islands, or just a few continents. The new maps being generated with the Oceania DLC change the feel and ambiance of the game completely. But it also changes the gameplay a lot and will make you experience a different style of game.

On top of this: the existing land-based Traders have gotten a more organized cousin with the sea-based Traders, who are known as Maritime Trade Houses (MTHs). The MTHs will allow you to explore the Oceans and secure Transport Contracts to invade and/or keep logistics flowing between different continents or islands. The MTH are of a very mercantile nature and it is also possible to acquire their stock. Once a shareholder you can use Policy Meetings with the MTH to influence their attitudes and Dividend payments.

The MTHs will be open to signing contracts with you to Transport Items, Troops and Units between two points. They'll however require payment in cash. So Credits are crucial for a successful expansion and creating a multi-continent or multi-island empire on an oceanic Planet.

The MTHs have their secret hideouts on hidden small islands (abstracted) and atolls as well as floating docks and motherships stationed far out from

the coast. In other words: they do not occupy land hexes and can only be taken out by other MTHs.

6.2.1. THE NATURE OF THE MTH MONOPOLY

The MTHs got such a big head start with naval Tech that at present it is just too difficult to challenge them. You have just started thinking about what's beyond the ocean's horizon while the MTHs have been sailing beyond it for generations. You do not dare to challenge their monopoly and provoke them by building your own shipwarfs now. They would surely destroy them (and maybe you as well)... everybody knows that we should (grudgingly) leave shipping to the Traders. It's how it has always been and will always be. For now at least...

6.2.2. THE CORE MECHANICS

In a nutshell the Oceania DLC will often make it necessary to traverse the oceans to succeed in conquering the Planet. To do this you'll need to sign Transport Contracts with the Maritime Trade Houses (MTHs).



Make sure your Economic Council has BP allocated to its Naval Liaisons Task to generate the Transport Contract Stratagem. Once you have the

Stratagem: Select the target Sea Zone with this Stratagem, later once Contract negotiations start you'll be able to choose your Source Port.

A Transport Contract puts Logistical Points on the ocean Hexes between the agreed upon coastal Hex A and coastal Hex B. This allows you to use Strategic Transfer to move Units between Hex A + B.



Before you can actually initiate Transport Contract negotiations you'll have to be in communications with the MTH. They might contact you, but you can also contact them with the Contact MTH Stratagem.

When playing with Fog of War you'll first have to play some Explore Stratagems on the Seas around you to reveal new islands or continents (or even more Sea Zones).

Note that moving Units overseas depletes the naval Logistical Points provided by the Transport Contract. And such operations are thus limited in nature.

Furthermore it is important to realize that the MTH can only provide you with the agreed upon full amount of Logistical Points if Hex A and Hex B both have Port Points.

Port Points are generated by Port Assets. You can construct these Assets yourself or play a Stratagem to let the MTH construct a Makeshift Port for you. Be aware that if a Port is constructed in round X it will generate Port Points in round X+1, which will be used during the logistical calculations in round X+2.

After constructing a Makeshift Port on the beaches a new Zone will be formed and you'll



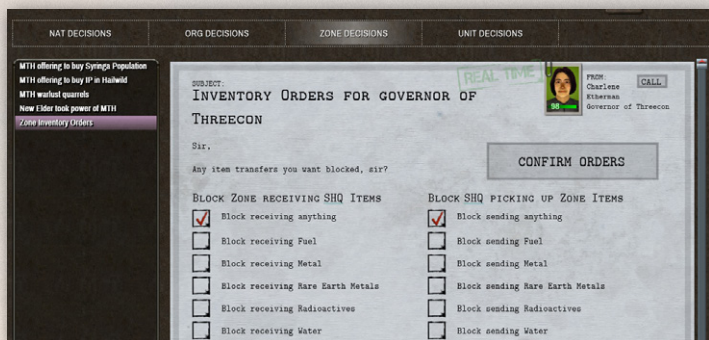
be able to transfer Colonists in to be settled as Workers to operate a future “real” public Port Asset. (Makeshift Port can be upgraded)

You can monitor your current Logistical Points traversing the oceans by enabling the Logistical Point layer (right tab). You can monitor



The Transport Contracts provide Logistical Points going from port-port or from port-beach. They allow you to connect an empire of islands.

Once your multi-island empire grows you'll have some real organizational and logistical challenges on your hands. To economize on Transport Contract costs it might be wise to create a few extra SHQs, or detach some Island Zones from delivery/request from your central SHQ and let them be (semi-) autonomous.



Called the Governor to Discuss Zone Inventory Orders to practically detach the Island Zone from the central SHQ. It will just have to make do with what it has.

Even with the best of optimizing you'll still be dependent on one or more MTHs. Keep in mind that it is possible to become a shareholder and influence the MTH's relations & attitudes. And especially be aware that enemy Major Regimes might become shareholders in the MTH that you need the most. They might turn the MTH against you. Or they might turn another MTH against your MTH leading to naval warfare! Always keep one eye half open on MTH politics.

Once you'll get in the later stages of a game it is definitely not impossible for one MTH to have gone to war with all the other MTHs and to have defeated them all. Only one mighty MTH could thus survive into the end game. When this happens it will become extremely important who controls this MTH the most.

Be sure to assert your influence early on the MTH that will become dominant in the end game.

If you are asking yourself "how do I know which one?" we can only reply to be clairvoyant. If that is not possible, try to get 1 share in most MTHs that matter and read their logbooks well, monitor their cash flow, their naval battle results, etc.. It is possible to develop a sense which MTH is going to be likely to come out on top.

6.2.3. CONTACT A MTH

In order to be able to sign any Contracts or do any other interactions with a MTH you must get in contact with them.

They might contact you, or you might contact them, for the latter a Stratagem is available. On lower difficulty modes you'll even start your game with this Stratagem. Otherwise you'll need the Economic Council and its MTH Liaisons Task.

Just having contact with a MTH is also a good way to obtain quite a bit more information on it.

6.2.4. TRANSPORT CONTRACTS

The Transport Contract puts Logistical Points between a Port and a destination hex. The destination hex can either be a Port or a beach. Note that Transport Contracts can be signed with a source port that is outside the MTHs Sea Zones. The target Hex/Port however must be bordering the selected Sea Zone.

The target Hexes you are being offered are chosen by the MTH. If by some chance none of them please you, you'll have to break-off negotiations and open them again. Very probably new targets will be suggested by the MTH. In short: The more you wish to spend PP and delay the more choice you'll have.

If the destination Hex is not a Port it will mean at best 25% of the Contract's Logistical Points on the trajectory will be effective. As it takes much more effort to unload manually on a savage beach than in a comfy Port, we are not even talking about cliffs or swamps. None-the-less these non-Port destinations do allow for amphibious invasions and emergency evacuations (Dunkerque style).

Just make sure you pay a lot of Logistical Points if you go the amphibious battle route. If you are not expecting serious opposition it will be more efficient to send a small Battlegroup and then build a makeshift Port (Stratagem).

The number of maritime Logistical Points between 2 hexes is the lowest value of the following two:

- Port Points on Source Hex
- Port Points on Target Hex

Any Logistical Points contracted above that lowest Port Points value will still be executed, but for only (25% or even less like with mountains without port), due to the difficulty of loading/unloading without a port.

If you have multiple Transport Contracts active note that the different trajectories will combine into an interconnected-web of trajectories. You are much advised to make sure the different trajectories connect with each other to allow you to use Strategic Movement over much longer distances than each individual Transport Contract.

6.2.4.1. CONTRACT DELAYS

Keep in mind that if you contact the MTH to discuss a Transport Contract on turn T, the Contract will be concluded on turn T+1 and the actual Logistical Points will arrive at turn T+2.

6.2.4.2. PRICE OF TRANSPORT CONTRACTS

The price of the Contracts is very sensitive to the following:

- Number of MTH Ships left for fulfilling the Contract
- Your relation with the MTH
- Your stake in the MTH (shares)
- The length and the scope of the Contract (the longer/ the bigger the cheaper)

This makes it interesting for you to:

- Buy stocks in MTHs
- Sign long term Contracts

6.2.4.3. AMPHIBIOUS LANDINGS

If you are shipping Units straight on top of non-friendly Units then combat will commence upon landing. The defenders of the Hex will have a +50% bonus on their attack values as your troops are disembarking and present a relatively easy target to the defenders.

The other main disadvantage is you can only initiate amphibious combat piecemeal. This simulates the need to approach the disembarkation beaches in waves. But is also done to discourage the player from going for direct invasions of important enemy coastal strongholds. That being said this can be countered by raising special large Independent Formations like

full Regiments or even Divisions to provide the necessary shock to win amphibious combat.

6.2.4.4. ITEM WEIGHTS DURING MARITIME TRANSPORT

Note that Items like Water, Energy and Fuel with 0 weight when transported over land, now have a positive weight when transported overseas. All Bulk Items transported overseas will weigh 0.25 on average because of the capacity of the MTHs really huge cargo ships to efficiently stock bulk cargo. Bulk Items include all Items except Recruits and Colonists. The latter need some sort of cabins to house them during the voyage. Notice that the 0.25 weight is the average weight as the art of stocking efficiently is sometimes rather haphazard and can be either easy or hard depending on the intelligence of the MTH crew and the accessibility of the space left on the MTH ship in question.

6.2.4.5. PORTS

Remember you can construct Public Ports yourself and / or nationalize Private or Makeshift Ports. Ports are crucial to get the most Logistical Points out of your Transport Contracts.

Note that if there are edible marine Lifeforms on your Planets most Port Asset Types will provide you with some Food Production as well.

Ports produce Port Points and it is those Port Points that facilitate Logistical Points to travel overseas. Keep in mind that there is a delay. If you construct a Port in turn T it will produce Port Points in turn T+1 and these Port Points will be used by the MTHs in turn T+2. (as production phase takes place after logistical network phase)

6.2.4.6. RENEWING AND CANCELING TRANSPORT CONTRACTS

If you go to the MTH Contracts Report you can click on any Contract to open its details in a Popup Window. This detailed report also provides you the option to Extend or Cancel the contract.

Renewing a contract is an immediate but also a very improvised way to go about things and it doesn't help your negotiation position. The MTH will demand slightly higher prices (though this depends on their Greed Rating) and notably there are no price reductions for concluding longer

term contracts. However the effect is immediate as it concerns an addendum to an existing Contract, so if a Contract is about to expire it could be wiser to Renew it than to demand a new Contract Negotiation by playing a Stratagem on turn T, use turn T+1 for negotiation and actually having to wait for T+2 for the Logistical Points to appear.

It is also possible to Cancel a contract. This will return at best 50% of the funds invested, on the condition that the MTH has sufficient funds to do so. Furthermore these refunds can be disappointingly lower if the MTH has a high Greed Rating.

6.2.4.7. FORCE MAJEURE

Please be aware of the fine print on the MTH Contracts. It is possible that due to naval warfare your MTH loses the Sea Zone that allowed it to fulfill your Contracts. If this happens the MTH will no longer be able to provide the promised services and will declare “Force Majeure” or forfeit on its contractual obligations. You will be notified, but you will not be reimbursed if this happens, as per the relevant sub clause in the Contract.

Note that Transport Contracts have a Source and a Target Hex and that Force Majeure is only applied if the MTH loses access to the Target Hex.

6.2.5. INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND RECON CONTRACTS

These are relatively inexpensive contracts that will make the MTH share recon with you on a specified Sea Zone.

The transfer of maps is slow, sometimes even involving some last-minute actual exploration by the MTH in question. On top of that the MTH is deliberately trading time and Credits for information.

These Information Exchange Contracts will lead to you learning of the Maritime neighbors of the Sea Zone under exploration. You can then subsequently sign new Exploration Contracts. Or you’ll discover islands and new continents that can consequently be invaded using a Transport Contract.

The Recon Contracts are similar, but more expensive. They do an even better job on revealing Sea Hexes (2x better job versus at least 3x the cost).

The Recon Contracts prime use is to gain better Recon on the coasts of the Sea Zone targeted.

An Information Exchange Contract will get you 5 Recon Points on Coastal Hexes and 2 further inland.

A Recon Contract will get your 20 recon Points on Coastal Hexes, than 5 further inland and then once again 2 further inland. On top of that any Port Hex will provide the MTH (and thus you) with a whopping 100 Recon Points, 20 further inland, 5 even further inland and then 2 even further further inland)

Note that a MTH can only explore Sea Zones for you that it controls. They might find a neighbor controlled by another MTH. If you want to continue exploring you'll have to contact that other MTH and sign an Exploration Contract with them.

Note that you'll receive free recon on the Hexes in the trajectory of any active Transport Contract.

6.2.5.1. AUTOMATIC EXPLORATION

With an Exploration Contract a lot of Hexes are revealed. There is however also a second way to gain information on the Sea Zones. It is a slower effect where an MTH you're in communication with always leaks some bits of information on any of its Sea Zones during discussions, brunches and radio contact. This information leakage will be more important if you own more Stock and/or have more Contracts signed.

6.2.5.2. PERMANENT RECON ON SEA HEXES

Once you have had any Recon Points on a Sea Hex you'll always keep at least 1 Recon Point on them. Permitting you to target the Sea Zone in question with MTH Stratagems and to know which MTH controls the Sea Zone in question.

This means you'll have full visibility on all MTHs if you play with Partial FOW.

6.2.6. MAKESHIFT PORT CONSTRUCTION

Only the MTHs are capable of constructing a Makeshift Port for you. You can order them to do so by playing the Makeshift Port Stratagem. Makeshift

Ports cost 250 Credits. A Makeshift Port does not allow many Logistical Points to use its loading & unloading facilities, but it is operated with minimal MTH staff and as such it does not require any of your Workers or Population.

If it concerns a “No Zone” Hex the Makeshift Port Stratagem allows the formation of a new Zone and for you to send Colonists. After you have some Workers in place you can then Nationalize the Makeshift Port into a regular Port.

6.2.6.1. PORTS AND ZONE CREATION

In order to facilitate amphibious operations and allow Regimes to send Colonists to beachheads to build Assets there is a new Zoning rule. Any Port that finds itself isolated and without a Zone will create a Zone itself. This also happens immediately after using the Makeshift Port Stratagem (if no Zone is present).

6.2.7. MTH SHARES

MTHs function very much like stock-exchange listed companies. With the exception that the sea-based Traders are unwilling to lose control. It is possible to buy up to 50% of the Shares of a MTH. The MTH will use at least a part of the capital thus acquired to construct more Ships.

Having stocks in a MTH gives three advantages. First, it gives you dividend payments and a reduction on the price of Contracts. Second, being a Stockholder in a MTH allows you to organize Policy Meetings where you can try to influence the attitudes of the MTH by spending your Influence Points. Third, it gives you more information on the MTH (and its other shareholders)

Influence Points build up over time and the speed of acquisition depends on how big a shareholder in the MTH you are.

Note that Dividend payments are dependent on the Expansionist Rating and Greed Rating. MTH's with high Expansionist Ratings prefer using the Credits to improve their position and will try to save up more Credits before considering Dividend payments. Upon payment MTH's with greater than 50 Greed Rating will give less, while those with less than 50 Greed Rating will give more.

6.2.7.1. AUCTIONS

MTHs can decide to hold Auctions to sell Shares. When this happens every Major Regime in contact with the MTH will be allowed to bid. Being the highest bidder will help you win the Share. Note that an MTH will weigh the bid of a Major Regime on its Share with their relation. A bad relation means that your bid will be valued lower than the face value of the bid. So Credits aren't everything and the MTH actually care about who ends up buying their Shares.

It is also possible for Major Regimes to sell Shares through an Auction of their own by using the Auction Stratagem.

Note that the Greed Rating will influence the minimum sales price for MTH organized Auctions.

6.2.8. OCEAN STRATEGY TIPS

If you want to dominate and spread out beyond the Oceans you cannot just build Ships, like you would build Tanks, and fight it out with the other Major Regimes. Instead you'll have to make sure you generate enough cash (Credits) to pay for your Transport Contracts. Credits is king to spread out over the Seas. In the long term you'll have to dominate the MTHs by buying their Shares and then ensuring your MTHs win the competition and battles with other MTHs. An MTH dominated by you, as the shareholder, will allow you to manipulate and push that MTH to impose exorbitant prices on your Major Regime rivals.

In the end in order to dominate the Oceans you will thus need a lot of Credits to pay for your Transport Contracts as well as a keen sense in which MTHs to invest.

An alternative to MTH Transport Contracts is the use of Air Bridges. These however are less interesting from a cost-benefit ratio perspective. The quantity of Logistical Points they'll provide is relatively low compared to their (maintenance) cost. Remember that this game's Air Bridges are intended to be used to do short term operations behind enemy lines (Arnhem Bridge style) and not so much to do permanent Air Bridges (Stalingrad resupply/ Cold War Berlin Air Bridge).

6.2.9. USING SHQ ADMIN OPS

Unless you are very rich, being able to afford all the Transport Contracts you want, you will probably end up in a situation where you have less Logistical Points on the ocean trajectories than you'd like. It is possible to use the SHQ Admin order to disallow certain forms of usages of Logistical Points going out to the Oceans. You can separately enable/disable:

- Unit Supply
- Zone Supply
- Zone Pickup

Remember you can also call Governors to set Zone Inventory Orders and stop their Zone requesting or delivering certain types of Items.

6.2.10. MOVING UNITS OVER OCEANS

This is very simple and similar to using Air Bridges. First you make sure you switch on the “Current Logistical Points” layer so you can see the maritime Logistical Points. Then you use Strategic Movement Mode to move a Unit overseas. Just make sure the Unit you have selected is not heavier (in Weight Points) than the maritime Logistical Points available, because that will not work.

Keep in mind you'll need to play a “Declare War” Stratagem (Foreign Affairs Council can generate these) to declare war before invading in some cases.

6.2.11. INTER-MTH POLITICS

Each MTH has a relation score with all the other MTHs as well as with all Major Regimes. The relation with other MTHs determines the chance they will go to war and have naval battles, while the relation with Major Regimes determines mostly the price the Major Regimes have to pay for their contracts. Though a low relation here will definitely encourage piracy and Trade Policy abuse as well.

6.2.12. MTH INTERNAL POLITICS

Each MTH has its own internal politics concerning how to manage its treasury, how many dividends to pay out and how many ships to build. Once the current MTH Elder loses enough support a change of leadership within

the MTH is possible. It is possible to help reduce or increase support for the current Elder through Decisions and Policy Meetings. Such a change in leadership once it takes place will result in new MTH Ratings. The Greed and Warfare Rating will tend to stay relatively close to the previous ratings, but the Aggression and Expansionist Ratings have a tendency to reverse direction. Keep in mind that MTH Feats and Profile never change as they reflect their broad culture. Furthermore your relation with an MTH might change upon leadership change, mostly depending on whom you were supporting before the change took place.

6.2.13. PIRACY

Minor Regimes can engage in Piracy Contracts with MTHs to invade Major Regimes. Normally only a faction of Minors will be interested in Piracy, but difficulty level and the Aggression of the Minor Culture impacts this a lot.

It requires a Minor Regime and a MTH to both be interested in signing a Piracy Contract. MTHs with a high Aggression Rating are more prone to signing Piracy Contracts (it adjusts the MTH Piracy Attitude).

Piracy in action will involve the MTH shipping Minor Units from their Zone to the beaches of the target Zone. There they'll build a small FreeFolk base on the coast that will act as their base of operations and source of supply.

If you own stock in MTH you can see the MTH Piracy Attitudes (different for each Major Regime) and you can influence those Piracy Attitudes through Policy Meetings. Note that you can only Discourage Piracy against yourself, but you can specifically Encourage Piracy against a specific Major Regime. If the Piracy Attitude drops below -50 the MTH will refuse a-priori to facilitate any such operation. If it goes above +50 the MTH will actually push Minors to engage in Piracy and increase the range of operations for Pirates.

6.2.14. FOUND NEW MTH

On some (Robinson Crusoe) Planets there might be Sea Zones present that start the game without a MTH. Since MTHs will only have formed on Oceans where there is at least some minimal trade possible.

For these rare cases there is a Stratagem available to found a new MTH yourself. This Stratagem pushes some of your land-based Traders into the business of shipping. This Stratagem costs quite some Credits but when played will provide you with a good initial relation and also 25% of the new MTH's Shares.

6.2.15. MTH STRATAGEMS OVERVIEW

Here is an overview of all the MTH Stratagems you'll have available.

STRATAGEM	COUNCIL
Information Contract	Economic Council
Transport Contract	Economic Council
Recon Contract	Economic Council
Contact MTH	Economic Council
Makeshift Port	Economic Council
Policy Meeting	Economic Council
Shipyarding	Economic Council
Intel Support	Economic Council
Sell A Share	Economic Council
Demand Auction	Economic Council
Startup MTH	Economic Council
Resource Rumors	Secret Service Council

Note: The "Declare War" can be generated by the Foreign Affairs Council. This Stratagem can be necessary to play in order to do amphibious invasions.

6.2.16. INTER-MTH WARFARE

When relations between MTH degrade (and/or one of them is very aggressive) they can go to war. The chance that an MTH goes to war increases with lower relation level with the other MTH, a high Aggression Rating and a good Fleet advantage.

This can lead to Naval Battles and the conquest/loss of Sea Zones and even the eradication of the losing MTH if it concerns its last Sea Zone.

The most important factors for MTH success during naval battles is the amount of ships they can bring to bear over time as well as their Warfare Rating. Due to the relative huge size of the Seas (compared to # of ships)

there are no huge naval battles, but mostly single ship confrontations. The MTH that has a bigger Fleet will have a slight to moderate advantage.

Fundamentally MTH naval warfare is attritional in nature, albeit, as mentioned, offset by the Fleet size advantage and the Warfare Rating.

Note that the loss of Ships, like having more Contract Tonnage signed than Tonnage available, might lead to a reduction of Logistical Points delivered to clients. Ships participating (but not sinking) in battles will only be able to do partial Contract service and provide only half their regular Tonnage.

Note that it is possible that MTHs make peace again as well. This is harder if the “winning” side is an MTH with a high Aggression Rating. It is easier if relation levels have somehow recovered (Shareholder influencing could cause this).

Don't forget to read the Logbook of the MTH you have shares in, especially during naval warfare.

6.2.17. SPECIAL TRADE RULES

MTHs trade with Land Traders just the same as Land Traders trade with other Land Traders.

However there are a few extra price modifiers being applied.

The maximum quantity of items that can be traded between a Land Trader Zone and an MTH depends on the number of Port Points. A quantity of 50 Items can always be traded through using beaches, but this is limited. Each 5 Port Points increase the quantity that can be traded with +1 Item quantity.

Greed Rating can cause the MTH sell prices to increase, up to double, and the MTH buy prices to decrease, at most halved. This gives the MTH less trade, but when it trades it will make trades hugely in its advantage.

If an MTH has the Abuse Trade Policy against a Major Regime, its Land Traders will have to pay 2 times the market price to buy at the MTH and the market price for selling to them will be divided by 2. If an MTH has the Stranglehold Trade Policy against a Major Regime, its Land Traders will have to pay 4 times the market price to buy at the MTH and the market price for selling to them will be divided by 4.

Trade between MTHs on the high seas, without an intermediary Land Trader is difficult. Maximum 20 Items can be traded between any MTH

Sea Zone border. And nothing can be traded if the MTHs are engaged in naval warfare with each other.

Note that even if an MTH gets some of its Zones separated (or pocketed) all Zones keep using the same Item inventory. The Seas are porous (and large) enough to allow transfer of Items through non-friendly waters by a cargo ship that wants to avoid confrontation. However once the last Sea Zone of an MTH gets taken over its inventory will fall in the hands of the victorious MTH that took that last Sea Zone.

6.2.18. TRADE POLICY

Each MTH has a Trade Policy towards each Major Regime. Having a low relation with a MTH, especially a greedy MTH, might result in the MTH changing its Trade Policy from Fair to Abusive, and possibly even Stranglehold. An Abusive Trade Policy will decrease their buy prices and increase their sell prices when they deal with land-based Traders based in your Zones. Furthermore it will increase the cost of Contracts. Abusive Trade Policy doubles prices, Stranglehold quadruples. By improving relations with the MTH you'll increase the chance their Trade Policy towards you will return to Fair.

6.2.19. MTH PROFILES AND FEATS

Each MTH has 1 or 2 Profiles and a MTH Feat. These give specific characteristics to the MTH. They are permanent and in place for the remainder of the game. Use the mouse overs in the MTH Report to obtain more detailed info on each Profile and Feat.

6.2.20. MTH ALLIANCE

It is possible for an MTH to offer you an Alliance. If you accept, you'll agree to a very big deal. A deal to give the MTH plenty of influential positions (like Directors and Governors) in your Regime in exchange for an Alliance Price Divider (between 3 and 6 times lower Contract prices).

Signing an Alliance thus has advantages and disadvantages. It is a very interesting option to consider, particularly if you are running low on Credits. Paying 4 times less on Transport Contracts just might make it possible to extend yourself overseas...

The Alliance Price Divider will be higher if MTH has Government Profile or the Jolly Crew MTH Feat. The Alliance Price Divider will be lower if MTH has Autocracy Profile or the Moneygrubbers MTH Feat. There is a random element involved in the Alliance Price Divider as well.

As soon as you have (close) to the required number of MTH Leaders on SHQ/Governor/Director positions you'll start to pay lower prices (the Alliance Price Divider) during new contract negotiations. The MTH will also consider you a solid partner and you'll see your relations improve. Also Piracy Attitude and Trade Policy will improve in your favor.

However if after a reasonable period of time you have not appointed sufficient MTH Leaders your relation with the MTH will nose dive. Up to the point where the MTH will cancel the Alliance. The "reasonable period" is about 10 rounds, after this time has passed negative relation effects start to sneak in and these reach full force about 20 rounds after signing the Alliance.

Once an Alliance is in place the MTH will offer you MTH Leaders. Note that these are almost always young and inexperienced, with relatively low Capacity Levels, except when the MTH also has the Meritocracy Profile.

Every 10 rounds (or so) there will be an Alliance review Decision which gives you the possibility to cancel the Alliance.

Note that the Relation Score of MTH Leaders will tend to drop towards your relation with their MTH. They also lose Relation Score if they are not in their "promised" Governor, Director or SHQ Commander job. If the Leader's MTH disappears for some reason their old MTH loyalties will become void. If the Alliance ends, but the MTH is still there, they'll no longer take a hit for being in the wrong job or Reserve Pool, but their Relation Score will still tend towards the MTH Relation Score.

Note that you can only have one Alliance partner. Ever. You can remake an Alliance later with your original partner if it got canceled at some point. The exception to this rule is the complete disappearance of the original Alliance partner.

6.2.21. INTEL ON MTHS

You need to be at least in communication with a MTH to get any useful information on them. Note that having an Alliance with an MTH also gives you shareholder level information.

INFORMATION	CONDITION FOR INTEL
MTH name	None, except have Recon on one of its Hexes
Relation	None, except have Recon on one of its Hexes
Regime Feat	None, except have Recon on one of its Hexes
Piracy Attitude on you	Communication
Fleet size , Tonnage av/used, Price Analytics	Communication
Dividends paid total & masked shareholder info	Communication
MTH Leader Info	Communication
MTH Ratings	Communication
Trade Prices	Communication
Piracy Attitude on other Majors	Shareholder
Treasury	Shareholder
Precise shareholder info	Shareholder
Position of Leader	Shareholder
Profile	Shareholder
Contract compendium	Shareholder
Trade Logs	Shareholder
Relations with other Majors and MTHs	Shareholder

6.2.22. MARITIME CRITTERS

When Oceans are present then animal Maritime Lifeforms will be simulated as well. There are 3 different movement type variations of them. First fully aquatic ones. These might hug your coast, but will not bother you much as they can't leave the Oceans. However there are also semi-amphibic and full-amphibic variations. These can respectively enter coastal Hexes and any, but mountainous Hexes.

Maritime Lifeforms are much harder to kill when in a Sea Hex than on a Land Hex. It depends on the exact (sub) species but on average count on them being 4x harder to kill when able to submerge to the depths.

6.2.23. NOTES ON THE AI CONCERNING THE MTHS

Opposed to the land-based logistics the AI plays by the rules here. It needs to pay for its Contracts, organize a multi-SHQ and/or autonomous Islands empire and will try to participate in buying MTH Shares and using Influence Points gained by being a shareholder.

That being said the AI does have an advantage concerning information being passed to it by the MTHs. It does not need to play Explore Contract Stratagems. There are also a few other small bonuses the AI gets concerning Port construction, the minimal size of contracts and the price of contracts. The AI tends to be less daring and less creative in creating a logistical network so the advantages and disadvantages more or less even out each other. Furthermore the AI is limited to keeping operations within a certain range, especially at the start of the game and especially on the lower difficulty levels (this offsets it not needing Explore Contracts).

6.2.24. NOTES ON PLANET GENERATION

Unless you are playing on the more realistic higher difficulty levels there will be a bit more chance to find metals/oil on Planets with a lot of sea surface than you would otherwise expect. This has been done for the sake of gameplay.

Having said the above, be aware that you'll still often struggle on the mining front as the higher chance does not completely offset the reduced number of land hexes. Some extra resources might enter the ecosystem through MTHs that engage in Sea Mining (see MTH Feats).

6.3. REPUBLICA DLC

When rolling a new Planet the *Republica* DLC features can be enabled.

Politics before the *Republica* DLC has always been a main part of Shadow Empire, but it was mostly limited to some modifiers and influencing which Faction is making Demands.

Republica DLC makes the political layer far more complex and immersive by introducing Virtus: the spirit and will of your people. Virtus can decay with time, luxury and complacency. When it does, democracies become spoiled democracies, meritocracies slide into oligarchies, and autocracies

turn into tyrannies. This design is loosely inspired by the ancient Greek idea of “anacyclosis”: the theory that every form of government inevitably decays into a corrupted version of itself before transforming into something new. A democracy can fall into chaos, empower a tyrant, be restrained again by elites who want a share of power, and eventually circle back toward democracy. In gameplay terms, a low-Virtus phase creates real challenges: unrest at home, morale troubles in the army and difficulties recruiting new soldiers.

Players can rally the people, but doing so requires cunning, bold risks or severe measures, including Revolutions or adopting one of three Radical Systems: handing power to the Syndic Computer, embracing a Feudal Code or declaring a Fanatical Autocracy. These radical forms protect against declining Virtus but demand escalating levels of control and come with hidden costs that reveal themselves over time. The Syndic Computer grows paranoid and interferes with leadership. Feudal Factions seize Zones as feudal Fiefs and will raise their own Household Militias. Fanatical Autocracy pushes loyalty to such extremes that less fanatical Leaders will not be sure if they will see another day.

The expansion also boosts realism, difficulty and replayability through more active political bodies such as parliaments, senates and politburos. They now vote on Laws. Democracies in particular will often push for more regulation, and Spoiled Democracies may literally drown themselves in legislation. Laws grant benefits but can also overload your administration. Sometimes the laws enacted will not match your strategy and you must decide whether to adapt, influence the vote or veto it. Autocracy was once considered the weakest system, but *Republica* ensures that every political path has advantages and drawbacks. The best system will depend on the situation you face.

6.3.1. DESIGNER NOTES

6.3.1.1. RAISON D'ÊTRE...

Yes, I have to admit it. This DLC does many things. But I guess the primary design goal has been to provide more immersion. *Republica* does this through introducing a highly complex web of detailed rules and events as well as extra Soundtracks (one for each Political System) and many Vidcom events (at least over a hundred different ones).

The second reason I made *Republica* is to fight snowballing, the phenomenon where the strongest player is bound to win. In *Republica* being the leader of the pack comes with some serious drawbacks allowing others a chance to catch up. The unpredictability of politics and Virtus will also ensure that different Regimes will not be in high or low Virtus periods at the same time. This will create unique threats and opportunities.

The third reason is to provide more choice in your strategy of which Regime Feats to collect in order to help you win the game. The extra 54 Political Regime Feats come on top of the existing 54 Regime Feats. This allows many new combinations and explorations for all of us.

Last but not least is that it has been a longheld personal designer desire to work more on politics. I actually dallied quite a bit in politics when I was much younger. The whole shebang passed the revue to me... including (regretfully) assassinations, early populism and landslide election results. I have also been a voracious consumer of geo-strategic, socio-economic and political literature throughout my life; got a master in history as well, actually. And I have always said to myself... “write a book, Vic.” I never actually did that because I know that I am not that good a writer, nor do these kinds of books written by “minor actors” sell very well. So, that’s also a reason why I did *Republica*. To finally leave a gamified trace, but still a trace, of political thought to posterity. Humour me here a bit please, I do know the hubris of the previous “posterity” phrase.

6.3.1.2. ON GAMEPLAY...

The new Political Systems and rules are sometimes quite intricate and detailed. But it is not necessary to understand everything that’s happening in order to play the game. At low levels of understanding the details the political stuff just brings more color and immersion to your game. You can go with the flow if you want, that would make your life easiest.

The only system you should really keep an eye on is Virtus. If you can raise it, you usually should. Then there are the Laws which speak for themselves when you are confronted with a Vote. If you don’t like the Laws, you should switch to a more autocratic system. And then there are the Political Stratagem Packs; they just bring you more power and options. Easy peasy for someone that doesn’t want to delve too deep into all the new rules.

A player that wants to go a bit deeper in the systems would definitely look into the Regime Feats that can be gained through the Political Stratagem Packs. In order to get the combination you desire you might want to plan a trajectory through multiple Political Systems. When playing like this you'll probably have to plan for a low Virtus phase in which you reduce military operations or don't have many enemies. Low Virtus phases are not the phases where you are strongest! Low recruitment, fragile morale, don't pick a fight at such a stage!

The same kind of player might also want a specific set of Laws in place to boost his strategy as much as possible. For this the player, especially in a democracy, will have to try to influence which Factions win elections. Or decide that it is too difficult to impose one's will and adapt his/her strategy to the Laws that will be voted in place by the powers that be.

The latter is often a core question in Shadow Empire strategy... Do I try to force my little nation to become what I want so I can execute my favorite strategy... or do I change my strategy to work better with what my little nation actually is.

6.3.1.3. ON MORALIZING...

This *Republica* DLC fulfills a long held desire to go deeper into the political, socio-economic and ideological side of running a Regime. But Shadow Empire being a game and not a book I very early on made the decision to minimize moralizing.

I did my best to avoid presenting one political system as better (in any way) than the other. I feel it's not the role of the designer to go about moralizing his personal beliefs on the player. Instead I have tried to show the ups and downs of all possible choices. The question of what is the best system will depend on the situation you face. The question of what is good, and what is evil, will be on the shoulders of the player as well.

On a more meta- and rules level I do "take sides" in a sense. I try to limit this, but I have to. For example each system has its pros and cons, most of those will be agreed upon by all, but the weight of the pros and cons is obviously open to debate. For example: most people would agree there is some benefit in having a security apparatus, but not everybody would agree it is the most important thing for a nation to have. I call this "weighting". As a Designer, I cannot leave these weights agnostic and have a functioning game at the same time.

Another example: it is difficult to stay in the same Political System over a long time frame as Virtus tends to degrade with time (though it is not strictly impossible; especially on lower political difficulty). This shows a clear cyclical vision on my part, basically I am indirectly saying that our current democracies might well fall as well one future day. If this offends anybody, my apologies. But cheer up, at least it works well for the game mechanics.

I said “no moralizing” and I mean that, but what I do hope to accomplish is to broaden horizons. In these real-world times of increasing polarisation and increasing negativity towards those who hold different political beliefs, be they on the left or on the right or wherever, a little bit of modesty about what the Truth with a capital T is would be welcome in my humble opinion. By helping players to see the cons of our preferred systems, but also the pros of the systems we dislike, I hope to sow the grains of doubt... to question thinking in absolute certainty, where earlier mentioned “weights” are binary in nature. And to indirectly foster a bit of empathy for the other side of the aisle. This I guess is the only conscious moralizing I am truly guilty of.

6.3.1.4. ON SCALE

Yes I have been making some simulation-gameplay compromises as I have done with the core game as well. The key compromise with *Republica* is that “political” time ticks quite a bit faster than it does in the real world. This is of course done to allow some drama to unfold within a game of average round length.

6.3.1.5. HOW TO PLAY ADVICE

As stated above you should be good to just go with the flow and enjoy the ride. In many ways I do not know how to optimally play the new rules myself. Which must say something about my design principles. There are a few things I can advise on however.

- When your Virtus is degrading and you find yourself in a “corrupted” version of your Political System Family the best way to get out of it would be Orderly Political Change. However the corrupted versions often strongly reinforce Regime Profile and this might become impossible rather quickly. In that case you’ll have to hope for an Upheaval Event that can restore Virtus. If that is not happening (soon) you might want to aim to transition to the “radical” version of your Political System Family; at least Virtus will go up again! If you want

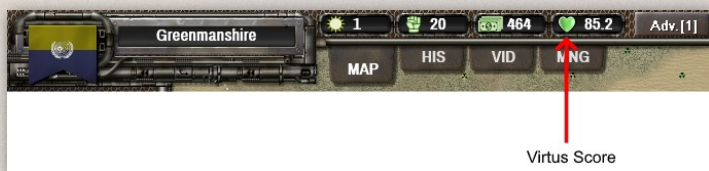
to avoid that too, then you could flee forward and do the maximum you can to decrease(!) your Virtus further and also to trigger one of the Revolution conditions. A revolution would restore Virtus and get you in a different Political System Family. You can push for a Military Coup by losing territory on purpose. You can push for a Popular Uprising by reducing QOL levels and Private Salaries on purpose. You can push for a Palace Coup by reducing BP production on purpose.

- Corrupted Political Systems are also useful as they can still allow you to obtain powerful Political Regime Feats. In general I feel the Political Stratagem Packs and Political Regime Feats of the Corrupted Political Systems are slightly stronger than those of their counterparts. Essence of the message: Don't be too gloomy when you find yourself in a Spoiled Democracy, Oligarchy or Tyranny.
- You have to accept that Virtus eventually almost always declines, it is part of the way we simulate political systems with *Republica*. You have to live with some phases of low Virtus for some time before you transition to a new system by either radicalization or revolution (or orderly change). If you are having trouble with enjoying eventual and often unavoidable periods of decline then you can decrease the Political Difficulty Level in game setup when starting a new game. Playing on the lowest difficulty level should allow you to avoid eventual Virtus decline most of the time. (the opposite holds true as well: want more challenges and ups and downs? Then put that Political Difficulty Level higher.)
- For orderly change you need support from a majority of Factions (vote weighted), the Secret Service Council can often help with this, so having a skillful Director in place for it seems like sound play.
- It's important to realize that the new Political Regime Feats (that can be acquired by Political Pack Stratagems) are permanent and stay with you even if you change your Political System. This allows you to make unique combos of Regime Feats from different Political Systems.

6.3.2. USER INTERFACE ADDITIONS

In this Section we want to show you how you can keep track and make sense of the key systems added with Advanced Politics.

6.3.2.1. VIRTUS IS A KEY SCORE



Virtus is so important that we have added it to the top bar. To make sure that you are always aware of your current Virtus Score.

6.3.2.2. EMPIRE DASHBOARD SHOWS ALL THE MAJOR KEY SCORES

Probably the most important screen to get the most information at the same time. Hence its name “dashboard”.

SUBJECT: **EMPIRE DASHBOARD**
(Version #241)

POPULARITY SCORE: Respected 72 =

WORD SCORE: Shifty 50 =

VIRTUS SCORE: Good 85.2 =

APPARATUS SCORE: Zero 0 =

THREAT SCORE: Zero 0 =

Momentum

- Morality Momentum 0
- Wellbeing Momentum 0
- Ascendancy Momentum 0

Violence Score

0 =

POLITICAL SYSTEM: Autocracy Level 3

Tech Level: 4.89 =

Admin Level: 5.06 =

Civilization Level: 1.73 =

Next turn BP's: 163 =

New PP's: 20 =

Start turn Credits: 464 =

Prestige Damage: 0 =

Income Tax X: 20 =

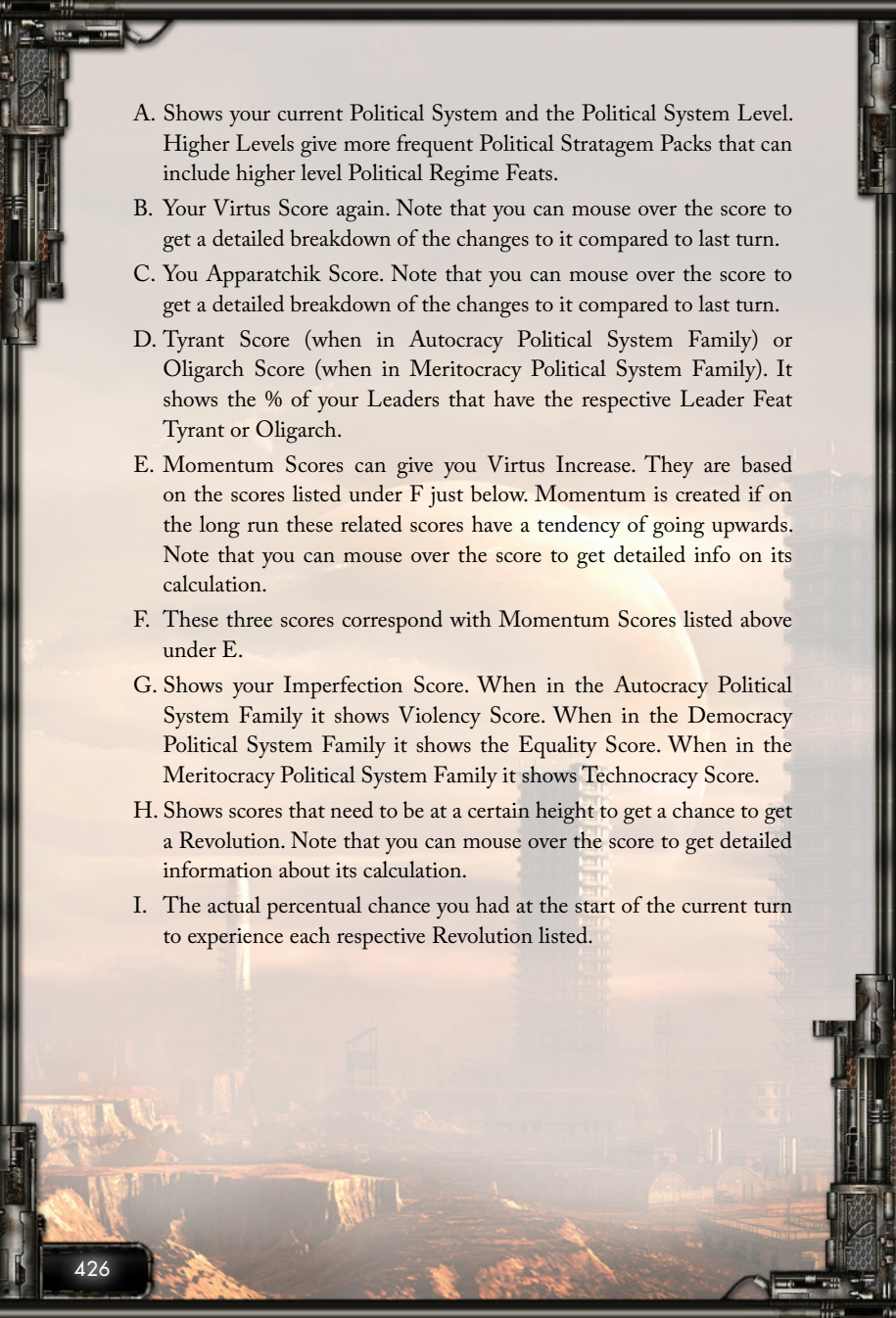
Sales Tax Y: 0 =

Customizable Pts: 0 =

Revolutionary Indicators

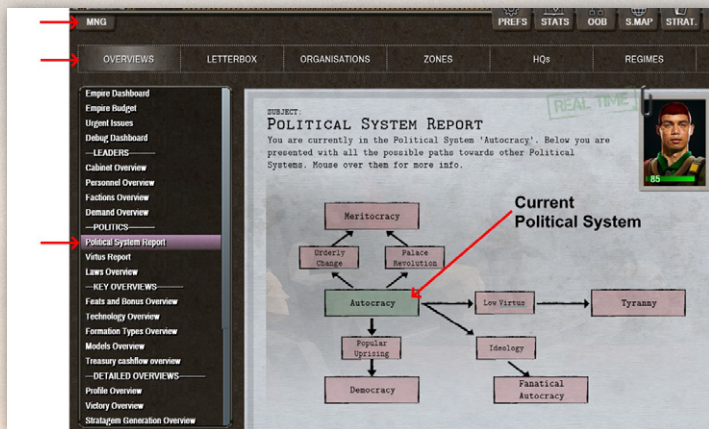
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- Coup, Leader MCP 0 =
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- Uprising X 0 =
- Dynastic Revolt X 0 =

A → B → C → D → E → F → G → H → I

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- A. Shows your current Political System and the Political System Level. Higher Levels give more frequent Political Stratagem Packs that can include higher level Political Regime Feats.
 - B. Your Virtus Score again. Note that you can mouse over the score to get a detailed breakdown of the changes to it compared to last turn.
 - C. You Apparatchik Score. Note that you can mouse over the score to get a detailed breakdown of the changes to it compared to last turn.
 - D. Tyrant Score (when in Autocracy Political System Family) or Oligarch Score (when in Meritocracy Political System Family). It shows the % of your Leaders that have the respective Leader Feat Tyrant or Oligarch.
 - E. Momentum Scores can give you Virtus Increase. They are based on the scores listed under F just below. Momentum is created if on the long run these related scores have a tendency of going upwards. Note that you can mouse over the score to get detailed info on its calculation.
 - F. These three scores correspond with Momentum Scores listed above under E.
 - G. Shows your Imperfection Score. When in the Autocracy Political System Family it shows Violency Score. When in the Democracy Political System Family it shows the Equality Score. When in the Meritocracy Political System Family it shows Technocracy Score.
 - H. Shows scores that need to be at a certain height to get a chance to get a Revolution. Note that you can mouse over the score to get detailed information about its calculation.
 - I. The actual percentual chance you had at the start of the current turn to experience each respective Revolution listed.

6.3.2.3. THE POLITICAL SYSTEM REPORT

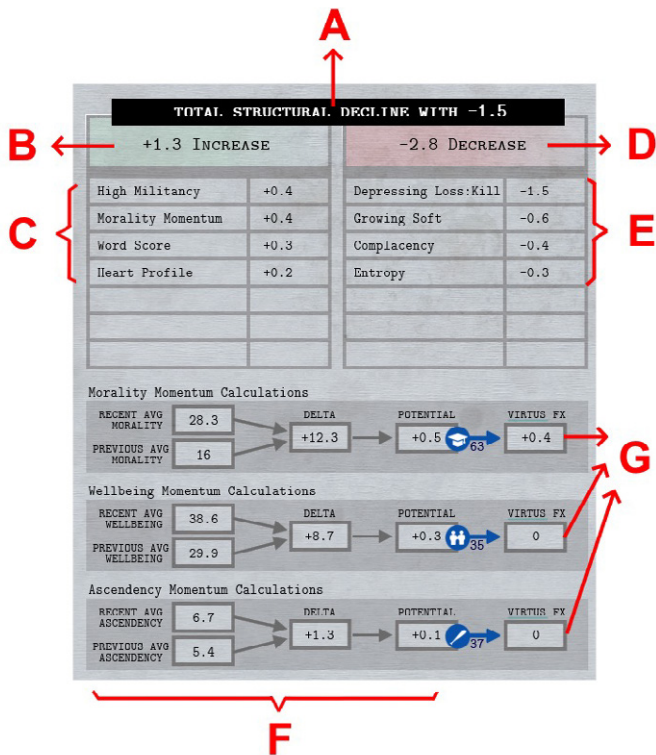
The rules guiding possible changes to your Political System are complicated and this infographic style report will help you. You can find this report in the Report Tab, just like the dashboard report above.



This Report shows you your current Political System and all the pathways it could switch to a different Political System. It is color coded. A red, blue or yellow background means that at the moment this pathway is closed. A green background means that the pathway is open. Note though that yellow background means you are very close to opening the pathway. It is important that you mouse over the different blocks to get the actual information on why a pathway is open or closed.

6.3.2.4. THE VIRTUS REPORT

The Virtus Score can be moused over in the Dashboard Report, but because it is so important to your Regime, we also added this easier to read detailed Virtus Report. You can find it just under the above Political System Report.



- A. The total structural change applied to your Virtus at the start of turn calculations. Note that it can be negative or positive. It is important to realize that only structural effects are listed here. Incidental effects due to playing Stratagems or getting by certain Events or making certain Decisions can also incidentally alter your Virtus Score. Note that A displays the sum of B and D. If $B > D$ then your Virtus is structurally going up. If the opposite it is structurally going down.
- B. The sum of all the rules that are pushing your Virtus Score higher. Each separate rule is listed under C.

- C. Each rule that is pushing your Virtus Score higher. You can mouse over to get a little more information.
- D. The sum of all the rules that are decreasing your Virtus Score. Each separate rule is listed under E.
- E. Each rule that is decreasing your Virtus Score. You can mouse over to get a little more information.
- F. A detailed explanation for how all three Potential Momentum scores are calculated. Note that are plenty of mouse overs here that provide extra information.
- G. The actual positive effect on the Virtus Score of each Momentum Score. Done by modifying the Potential by the relevant Profile Score. Do use the mouse over as well.

Laws Overview Report

The Laws Overview provides you with insight which Laws are currently Enacted and which ones you could be faced with in the future. You can find it just under the above Virtus Report.

SUBJECT:
LAWS OVERVIEW

An overview of all Laws. Current max number of Laws is: 10. On average every 4 rounds a new Law will be proposed. Law Upkeep, at start turn, cost us: 125 BP. Note that you can click any Law in the overview to get a detailed Law PopUp with the option to Call for a Vote yourself (either enact or retract).

FROM:
Erin Parker
Secretary

A Enacted Laws Possible Laws Lower Virtus Laws

B Social Laws Tough Laws Popular Laws Militia Laws Const. Laws

STATE	LAW	CATEGORY	COST	INTENT	FUNDING
ENACTED	Compulsory Education Law	Social	BP	+72	Okay
ENACTED	Social Assistance Law	Social	BP	+69	Okay
ENACTED	Private Economy Stimulation Law	Social	BP	+69	Okay
ENACTED	Clean Elections Law (virtus<75)	Social	BP	+82	Okay
ENACTED	Super Wealth Tax (virtus<60)	Social	BP	+54	Okay

- A. 3 boxes you can flag. The Laws falling in the categories flagged will be displayed in the list C. Enacted Laws are the Laws that have been voted in place and are currently active. Possible Laws are Laws that could in theory be proposed to your Political Body. Lower Virtus Laws are Laws that cannot be proposed right now as Virtus is still too high for them.

- B. 5 boxes you can flag. The Laws falling in the categories flagged will be displayed in the list C. Note that the A+B flags are cumulative in nature.
- C. The list of Laws that fall in all the flagged categories above under A + B. Note you can click on them to get more detailed information as well as having access to the Order to Call a Vote on your own initiative. The Upkeep Cost Type for each Law is displayed here. The Intent of your Political Body as well. If the Intent is positive it will probably pass a Vote in your Political Body. Mouse over the Intent column to see the Intent of each Faction holding seats in your Political Body.

6.3.2.5. LAW POPUP

You can click on any Law displayed in the Laws Overview Report. Doing so will bring up the specific Law Popup.

WORKER WELLBEING LAW
COULD BE ENACTED

By providing case managers and proper HR infrastructure at the workforce efficiency gains will be reached as well.


EFFECTS: Worker Happiness +1 per turn and Public Economy gets a +10% boost

Core Profile: GOVERNMENT
Secondary Profile: MIND
Cost: BP

VOTERBLOCK ATTITUDES TO LAW:
Worker: +100

No Cooldown Penalty on chance of Faction proposing to Enact Law.

AVERAGE FACTION INTENT: +36
Sacred Republican School (SRS has 54% of vote): +35 Intent.
Lawful League (LL has 46% of vote): +38 Intent.

 **CALL ENACT VOTE [20 PP]**

This provides you more information. But most importantly allows you (the Supreme Leader of your Regime) to take the initiative and propose a Vote to your Political Body.

6.3.2.6. MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD > POLITICAL REGIME FEATS TAB (POL)

In the Dashboard screen a huge matrix has been constructed in the same style as the Profile-based Regime Feat matrix.

A

Democracy	Free Press	Peaceful Succession	Healthcare	National Education	Great Archives	Segmented Governance
Spotted Democracy	Property Agriculture	Economic Egalitarian	Strong Politics	Minority Rights/Equality	Permanent Migration	Structural Equality
Synkic Democracy (Level 6)	Free Press/PA	Equal Rights/PA	Robust Democracy	Data Security/PA	Trade/PA/PA/PA	Legislative Stability
Meritocracy	Workshop PA/PA	HR Evaluation	Psychological Screening	Talent Screening System	Diplomatic Incentives	Levels Based PA/PA
Oligarchy	Key School	Consumer Equality	Secure Societies	IGL Revenue Growth	Trade - Disincentive	Master Incentives
Autocracy	Management PA/PA/PA	Engineering PA/PA/PA	Martial PA/PA/PA	Extremism/PA/PA/PA	Home Market	Warrior Incentive
Tyranny	Slave your PA/PA	Cultural Extermination	Permanent PA/PA/PA/PA	Export Trade/PA/PA/PA	United Social Media	Office Automation
Fanatical Autocracy	Flexible PA/PA/PA/PA	Use whatever PA/PA/PA/PA	Defensive PA/PA/PA	Threat PA/PA/PA/PA	Home Culture	Government PA/PA

B **C** **D** **E**

Current Political System
Synkic Democracy Level 6

Next Political Stratagem Pack
In 4 rounds

Next Political System Level
No more levels

Political Stratagem Rarity

Rarity	Draws	Rate%	Actual%
Common	51%	30%	21%
Uncommon	23%	27%	32%
Rare	13%	23%	27%
Very Rare	3.3%	12%	16%
Legendary	0%	2.5%	3.0%

Stratagem Rarity Modifier
142%
(based on relation with computer)

Next Round System Stratagems
Synkic Democracy 100%

- A. For each Political System all its respective 6 Political Regime Feats are shown. Note that when they are hardly visible and coloured red you either don't have access to this Political Family or your Political System Level is still too low. When the color is yellow it means you could find the Stratagem to receive this Political Regime Feat in your next Political Stratagem Pack. When the color is green it means you actually have this Political Regime Feat active and in full effect!
- B. Shows you your current Political System and Level as well as how many Rounds remain before being rewarded a new Political Stratagem Pack (that could include Stratagems that get you a Political Regime Feat from the matrix above). Note that the higher your Political System Level the higher the frequency of receiving Packs.
- C. Political Stratagems have a rarity. Once your new Pack is drawn from the various Decks the Actual% column here shows you the chance you get a Stratagem from a certain rarity type.

- D. In C you see the Base% and the Max%... If your Actual% is closer to Base% or Max% depends on the Stratagem Rarity Modifier. Each Political System has a different calculation for this.
- E. In some cases or when you have a certain Imperfection (like Technocracy or Inequality) you'll be able to access different Political System Decks. The neighbours and your Imperfection's impact are shown here.

6.3.3. OVERVIEW

Before we go into detail, let's first go through a quick overview of all the new mechanics.

6.3.3.1. VIRTUS SCORE

Virtus % represents the intangible life force of a culture, the faith of your people in each other, their virtue and their readiness to sacrifice themselves for the common good. Virtus is a score between 0 and 100. At the extreme of score 100 your people are fully committed to the common good and will show maximum willingness to sacrifice their own interests. While at the opposite extreme of score 0 they have lost all solidarity with their compatriots. There are many factors to the Virtus calculations, but as a rule of thumb Virtus goes down over time and change of Political Body or to a Radical Political System is the main source of major gains of Virtus.

6.3.3.2. POLITICAL BODIES

Your Regime either has a Parliament, Senate or Politburo as a Political Body. Some measure of a popular vote for the masses will result in a Parliament. If only your Leaders have the right to vote you'll have a Senate. If only the members of your Cabinet have the right to vote you'll have a Politburo.

The Political Bodies are manned by unseen minor Faction members that are mostly controlled by the Faction's Leader members, especially the Faction Leader him/herself.

6.3.3.3. POLITICAL SYSTEMS

When Virtus is good, the corresponding Political System your Regime will have will be Democracy for the Parliament, Meritocracy for the Senate and Autocracy for the Politburo. However when Virtus degrades the Political

System can become chaotic or corrupted and lead to a different Political System. Spoiled Democracy for a Parliament with low Virtus, Oligarchy for a Senate with low Virtus and Tyranny for a Politburo with low Virtus. At some point it will also become possible to change to a Radical Political System. A Parliament can decide to start transferring power to a Syndic Computer and become a Syndic Democracy, a Senate can decide to adopt a Feudal Code and become an Aristocracy and a Politburo can proclaim the Supreme Leader godlike and become a Fanatical Autocracy.

6.3.3.4. ORDERLY POLITICAL BODY CHANGE

The peaceful and nice way to change the type of Political Body and thus Political System your Regime has. It requires a certain Regime Profile for the political decision to change Voting Rights to trigger. The type of Political Body and thus Political System will adapt to the choices made. However you'll need to keep in mind that for this to be practically possible your Political Body needs to have a good percentage of support for the change proposed.

6.3.3.5. REVOLUTION EVENTS

The Political Body can also change by non-peaceful means. There are three types of Revolutions possible: By the Populace, which will result in power to the people and a Parliament. By the Apparatchiks and higher level Workers, which will result in power to the most capable and a Senate. By the Military, which will result in a Politburo. Each type of Revolution has its own trigger rules. But in general we can say things must be going bad, for a revolution to happen. Revolutions are often the only way out of an entrenched and Radical Political System.

6.3.3.6. UPHEAVAL EVENTS

These are Events the player can choose to use at some point. They provide a strong way to restore Virtus without changing your Political System. They are not presented often though and only occur when Virtus gets low. Their names are: Political Landslide, Purge and Crusade. And yes, they come at a cost, but when lucky or well timed that cost might work in your favor as well.

6.3.3.7. TYRANTS

Once an Autocracy starts to slide into Low Virtus territory it can start to become a Tyranny. Leaders that become (little) Tyrants are abusing their powers and are basically causing damage to your efforts.

6.3.3.8. OLIGARCHS

Once a Meritocracy starts to slide into Low Virtus territory it can start to become an Oligarchy. Leaders that become Oligarchs start redirecting Credits towards their personal wealth, whether they are Directors, Governors or Commanders. It is not corruption, it is part of what is considered a gray area when your Virtus gets lower.

6.3.3.9. ARISTOCRATS

Once a Feudal Code is adopted your Political System becomes an Aristocracy. You'll see some Factions become Dynastic Factions and their members will become Aristocrats. Aristocrat Zone Governors will tax a Feudal Levy on any Feudal Zone, which is less dramatic than what Oligarchs would redirect, but still sizable. Aristocrats also will send most of their Wealth to their Primus Inter Pares of their Dynastic Faction, who will spend it in the common interest of the Dynasty.

6.3.3.10. SYNDIC COMPUTER

Once a Syndic Democracy has been established, the Syndic Computer will become a member of your Cabinet, at lower Computer Levels it will nudge you, at higher Levels it will constrain your choices. As long as you accept that the Computer is always right, this is of course not a problem. If you don't, you want to try to get some Programmers on your side to limit its influence.

6.3.3.11. FANATICS

Once the Supreme Leader starts to become worshipped like a God (Glorification) certain Factions might gain Fanatical Levels. Leaders belonging to such a Faction start to act as Fanatics imposing loyalty among their subjects and peers by any means possible. All hail the Supreme Leader!

6.3.3.12. POLITICAL STRATAGEM PACKS & NEW REGIME FEATS

Every so many Rounds you'll receive a Political Strategy Pack of 4 Stratagems. The type of Stratagems will depend on your Political System. More rare Stratagems will only be included if your Political System is at a higher level. Some of the Stratagems will give you a new Regime Feat as well. There are over 200 new Stratagems added with *Republica* DLC as well as Stratagems that open the way to up to 54 new Political Regime Feats.

Designer Note:

It is important to understand that these Political Regime Feats once acquired will not be lost once your Political System changes. This provides gameplay incentive to stay for a longer period in a Spoiled Democracy, Oligarchy or Tyranny.

6.3.3.13. SOCIAL STANDING POINTS & OTHER NEW LEADER STATS

Leaders have more Stats like Value Type and Operational Society Type, but also Wealth (Credits), Social Standing Rank, which is based on Social Standing Points (SSP). These Points come from various sources but Social Standing Feats (SSF) are a very important source. The core function of Social Standing Rank is to help get elected Faction Leader and to improve chances to get nominated for important Jobs. Though obviously Social Standing is a goal in itself for many Leaders. (like in the real world)

6.3.3.14. SOCIAL STANDING FEATS

The Social Standing Feats (SSF) are available in various kinds, but they all cost Credits (from Leader's Wealth) to buy/create. They provide Social Standing Points (SSP) but also other benefits (like boosting efficiency of an Asset) or effects (inciting Rebels and Revolution for Shady SSF).

6.3.3.15. APPARATCHIK SCORE

Apparatchik % represents the percentage of your workers that have managed to bureaucratically entrench themselves. These apparatchiks are mostly doing management functions. They work long hours and they are very capable in pushing paperwork in the right direction. They do this very well, and you need this to keep your complex Organizations and Public Assets

running smoothly. They can be very good managers, but foremost they have the interest of their own little bureaucratic kingdom at heart and not that of the overall nationwide effort. They also have plenty of expenses to hire extra secretaries, decorate offices, pay for outside expertise and a higher salary. If you want to avoid Apparatchiks, keep your bureaucracy small. Also keep in mind that having high Enforcement Profile and/or a Syndic Computer ruling the nation, assuring equality for all, will suppress the Apparatchiks. On the other hand a high Government Profile will increase Apparatchik Score earlier.

6.3.3.16. DEMANDS

Now and then an ad hoc majority or tolerated minority (no vote) will pass a Motion through your Political Body to ask you to do something specific. Majority Factions (those that won the Elections) are most likely to make these Demands, that are usually in line with their Faction Profile.

6.3.3.17. FACTIONS

Leaders band together in Factions that share a common political, careerist and/or ideological agenda. When there are Elections the eligible Voters can choose which Faction to Vote for. Special new cases of Factions are Dynastic Factions (Aristocracy), the Syndic Faction (Democracy variants) and Fanatical Factions (Fanatical Autocracy).

6.3.3.18. POPULISM

Some Factions have a higher Populism Score. This helps them win Elections with the masses, especially when Virtus is low. Also higher Populism means they care less about their ideological consistency and they tend to Vote for Laws that would get the largest Voter Block behind them to optimize their score during the next Elections.

6.3.3.19. LAWS

Your Political Body can call a Vote to Enact or Retract a Law. You can influence such a Vote or even Veto it. In general there is a high frequency of voting with a Parliament/Democracy and a low frequency with a Politburo/Autocracy. For the latter it is also much easier to influence the Vote or Veto it.

6.3.3.20. ELECTIONS

These are most interesting in a Democracy, but they take place in all Political Systems. If the Political Body is a Politburo these are easiest to influence as only members of Cabinet can Vote, and you can appoint your Cabinet, so you control the Vote indirectly. With a Senate all your Leaders can Vote and it becomes a bit more tricky. But with a Parliament 1000s or 100.000s of your Populace will Vote. You might have to adapt your strategies to the will of the people.

6.3.3.21. INTERNAL ELECTIONS

Factions have their own Faction Leader. He/she becomes Faction Leader by being chosen by the other members of the Faction. It is an important thing for any ambitious Leader to become Faction Leader and command the respect of their peers.

6.3.3.22. SHADY POINTS

Shady Points are kept track of per Zone and will help precipitate revolutions. They modify OPL, MCP, BDL, PDL and PCS upwards. But note that they multiply these scores; they do not create revolutionary potential out of thin air. Also note that Shady Points are diminished by 10% every Round. The most likely source of Shady Points is from Shady Social Standing Feats.

6.3.3.23. MOMENTUM

If you have Momentum in one of three key scores you can recuperate quite a lot of Virtus points. These three scores are: Morality Score, Wellbeing Score, Ascendency Score. Momentum means that the specific Score keeps rising. This continued sense of improvement keeps Virtus high as the people feel like they are exceptional. If you have Momentum in one of the three key scores you can recuperate quite a lot of Virtus points.

6.3.4. VIRTUS

Virtus Score (0-100) represents the intangible life force of a culture, the faith of your people in each other, their virtue and their readiness to sacrifice themselves for the common good.

Virtus can go up or down based on a lot of different reasons.

Heart Profile helps keep Virtus high and Autocracy Political Systems help reduce the negative effects of Low Virtus quite a lot.

6.3.4.1. VIRTUS START VALUE

This depends on the Difficulty level. On easy it's 90, on regular it's 80, on hard it's 70 and on very hard it is 60.

6.3.4.2. VIRTUS DECREASE

Virtus basically goes down with easy goings, growing soft, getting too confident and time passing by without political change.

VIRTUS DECREASE CAUSE	APPROXIMATE DECREASE	NOTES
Entropy (time passing by)	-0.2	Lower in Autocracy, Higher in Democracy. Higher if difficulty level (very) hard
Growing soft (low casualties)	Up to -0.8	If long term (20 round) average ratio of losses:populace is lower than 0.15%, Only full effect at round 20 and higher. This effect can be reduced up to 50% with the Enforcement Profile. Reduction formula is $\text{Sqr}(\text{Enforcement}-30)) * 6\%$
Paperwork (red tape dulls everybody down)	Up to -1.0	But only kicks in above Apparatchik Score 10 or higher, ceiling at Apparatchik Score 30. This effect can be reduced up to 50% with Government Profile. Reduction formula is $\text{Sqr}(\text{Government}-30)) * 6\%$
Complacency (victory seems assured)	Up to -1.0	So for example being #1 in the Victory Report will start causing some complacency. Note this only kicks in fully on round 20 and is limited to max $(4 * \text{VictoryScore} / 100)$.
Civilization (breeds decadence and individualism)	Up to -1.0	Minus $(\text{Civilization Level} \wedge 2 / 100)$
Luxury (body and mind go soft) *	Up to -0.5	Populace Luxury spending divided by total Income, Incorporated Zones only. This effect can be reduced up to 50% with a Commerce Profile. Reduction formula is $\text{Sqr}(\text{Commerce}-30)) * 6\%$
Low Word Score (eats away at trust and belief in general)	Up to -0.5	Only kicks in slowly after Word Score goes below 50.
Defeat is looming (loss of a Zone)	Up to -5d6	But if the Zone has less Populace than your Median Zone Populace it is reduced (a lot). If it is your Capital Zone then it is doubled.
Doubt in military prowess (bad Kill : Loss ratio)	Up to -2.0	Only kicks in if you lose more than 300 soldiers for every 200 killed, above 1:1.5 it is -0.5, above 1:2.5 it is -1.0, above 1:4 it is -1.5 and only above 1:6 it is -2.0
Inertia (staying really long time in the same Political System)	Up to -0.6	This decrease only kicks in gradually after you get to Round 40. The penalty can be more pronounced at (very) hard difficulty settings.
Virtus Accident Decisions	Varied, but can be high	These accidents causing Virtus collapse can occur when there is high Inertia. (see previous)
* Note that luxuries can be obtained by the Population by transforming base raw materials or by buying them with Credits. It is only the latter that leads to Virtus decline.		

6.3.4.3. VIRTUS INCREASE

Virtus basically can go up when your people are facing limited hardships. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger? Yes agreed, but mind you that what traumatizes you or cripples you does not make you stronger. Political change often also provides many sources of Virtus increase, change provides hope, hope provides Virtus. Same for Momentum. In both cases enthusiasm, and thus Virtus, is provided by the sentiment that the Nation is heading towards a brighter future.

VIRTUS INCREASE CAUSE	APPROXIMATE INCREASE	NOTES
Hardening up (higher casualties)	Up to +0.5	If long term (20 round) average ratio of losses:populace is higher than 0.3%, Only full effect at round 20 and higher.
Culture of cohesion (high Heart Profile)	Up to +0.5	Heart Profile / 200
Militia Pride (high Militancy)	Up to +0.5	Militancy / 200
High Word Score (inspires trust and belief)	Up to +0.5	Only kicks in slowly after Word Score goes above 50.
Civic Resilience (Good people in charge)	Up to +1.0	If not considering this structural effect the Virtus is going down compared to this turn, then up to 0.7 Virtus can be recouped. Civic Resilience is based very much on the personality of your Leaders with the most prestigious Jobs (the top 10). The most prestigious Leader weighs 4 times more than the number 10. Low Egoism (altruism) and Heroism are the key Personality stats here, once these are on average above 50 some effect will be obtained. 1/3 of the Virtus Loss can never be recouped, you can only slow down the speed, not change the direction.
Political Body Change (orderly or by revolution)	Up to +6d10	There is a cooldown timer of on average 30 rounds every time the body changes. Only full effect if last change was more than (cooldown period + 20 rounds) ago
Radical Political System Level Gain	Up to +5d20	But only full effect if 60 rounds have passed since last level gain
Upheaval Events	Up to +2d20 + 5	Note that the Crusade Upheaval Event gives more if it is against a Major and less if it is against a Minor
Morality Momentum	Up to +2.0	Note that this requires a high Mind or Profile (>40, ideally towards 70) and continued increases in the respective Score needed.
Wellbeing Momentum	Up to +2.0	Note that this requires a high Heart Profile (>40, ideally towards 70) and continued increases in the respective Score needed.
Ascendancy Momentum	Up to +2.0	Note that this requires a high Fist Profile (>40, ideally towards 70) and continued increases in the respective Score needed.

6.3.4.4. MOMENTUM

If you have Momentum in one of three key scores you can recuperate quite a lot of Virtus points. These three scores are: Morality Score, Wellbeing Score, Ascendency Score. Momentum is the mechanic to focus on if you want to stop your Virtus sliding. However each Momentum effect comes at a cost and might also be difficult to sustain indefinitely.

Momentum means that a certain Score keeps rising. The continued sense of improvement and increasing success keeps Virtus high as the people feel like they are exceptional. However a slowdown or a stagnation of momentum will evaporate any positive Virtus effects.

Morality Momentum is based on pacifism, as well as your Morality Decisions, and if you have a high Mind Profile it provides the people with a sense of moral superiority as well as a sense of safety (which is rare for the times), which translates in Virtus gain.

Wellbeing Momentum is based on uncapped QOL, as well as Happiness, and if you have a high Heart Profile it provides the people with a sense of contentment, which translates into Virtus gain.

Ascendency Momentum is based on the Size (in Hex) of your Regime, as well as Kills, and if you have a high Fist Profile it provides the people with a sense of physical and militaristic superiority, which translates in Virtus gain.

All three Momentum effects gradually kick in from round 11 and are at full effect at round 20 and beyond and are based on comparing the average respective Scores (Morality Score, Wellbeing Score, Ascendency Score) of the current Round to the current Round -9 with the average of the current Round - 10 to the current Round -19. If the average Score of the more recent average has gone up compared to the previous period average then there will be a Momentum effect. Note that the past period will become longer as the game goes on. By round 80 the past period will be current Round-10 to the current Round -29. This is done to avoid gaming the system.

This momentum effect has an optimum at around +5 and effects taper off afterwards. It is then adjusted for the respective Profile Score.

Below Profile Score 40 there will be no effect at all. The people must be emotionally sensitive to the respective Momentum by having a really high Profile Score. That's high Mind for Morality Momentum, high Heart for Wellbeing Momentum and high Fist for high Ascendency Momentum.

Here is a list of example calculations

APPLY TO ALL THREE MOMENTUM TYPES	PROFILE AT 55	PROFILE AT 70	PROFILE AT 85
+3 Momentum	+0.1 Virtus	+0.1 Virtus	+0.2 Virtus
+9 Momentum	+0.2 Virtus	+0.3 Virtus	+0.5 Virtus
+15 Momentum	+0.3 Virtus	+0.5 Virtus	+0.8 Virtus
+21 Momentum	+0.4 Virtus	+0.7 Virtus	+1.0 Virtus
+30 Momentum	+0.4 Virtus	+0.8 Virtus	+1.2 Virtus
+45 Momentum	+0.5 Virtus	+0.9 Virtus	+1.4 Virtus
+60 Momentum	+0.5 Virtus	+1.0 Virtus	+1.4 Virtus

Note that if you play with “political” difficulty level “low”, you will get double the Virtus income from Momentum. Harder difficulty levels do not make any changes (those are elsewhere).

Note that good Momentum also insulates you from negative Virtus Inertia Effects. It’s roughly equal to getting extra Rounds before Inertia sets in to the same degree as you get Virtus gained from the Momentum but -0.4.

Let’s now discuss how each specific Score is exactly calculated:

The Morality Score calculation consists of 3 parts that are averaged:

- Average relation with neighbours weighted for number of border Hexes (if you have no neighbors it is at 50). Regimes you are at war with count double in the averaging.
- Morality during Decisions (you can get points here with certain Decisions, it is reduced over time, albeit slowly)
 - Note that these sources of morality Decisions include negative morality coming from declaring War on other Regimes you still have a Pact with or relatively good relations with.
 - Note that another source of morality Decisions include negative morality coming from using your security forces or troops to fight ‘civilians’. Though for example fighting thieves gives much less morality drop than fighting, for example, pro-democracy activists.
- Losses, where 0.5% losses (compared to total friendly Populace + Soldiers count) or more counts as 0 and 0% losses counts as 100. Note that this part of the calculation only kicks in after round 10 and is only a full effect on round 100 and after.

The Wellbeing Score calculation consists of 3 parts that are averaged:

- Luxury spending % as part of total income
- Average Pop & Worker Happiness
- Raw QOL Points (not QOL Score) / City Level which get logarithmically reduced so it's hard to reach 100.

The Ascendancy Score calculation consists of 3 parts that are averaged:

- Percentage of Planetary Hexes taken
- Kills, where 0.5% kills (compared to total friendly Populace + Soldiers count) or more counts as 50 and 0% kills counts as 0. (takes last Round). After 0.5% kills the effect is logarithmic and it will be hard to get to 100.
- Soldiers as % of total friendly Populace + Soldiers count. If 33% or more counts as 100, if 0% counts as 0.

6.3.4.5. SIDE EFFECTS OF A POSITIVE MORALITY SCORE

As your Morality Score rises, your people start to feel that violence is wrong. A number of scores get a chance to start dropping when the Morality Score goes above 30 points. This happens when a roll of 1d70 is below (Morality Score-30). These rolls are made for:

- Recruitment of Recruits for the military
- CAS increase of Zones with another Cultures (start to become considered as immoral to change their original culture)
- Militancy Score drops

Basically the side effect is becoming a bit more pacifist. Note that for all 3 rolls there is always a 10% chance the penalty or negative effect is not applied.

6.3.4.6. THE HIDDEN COSTS OF MOMENTUM (LOW FIST & LOW MIND RULES)

The cost you pay for continued Morality Momentum might be obvious. As it will make it very difficult to expand.

But the other two might not be so clear. The devil is in the details, right?

With low Mind (from <30, but especially from <15) you will suffer decreased BP efficiency (meaning among others: less research). While with low Fist (from <30, but especially from <15) you will suffer reduced offensive combat efficiency. The maximum decrease for both is -50%.

So by getting one Profile really really high to get your potential Momentum Virtus boost you are incurring some problems with either BP production (and thus research) and/or offensive combat operations.

MIND PROFILE SCORE	30+	25	20	10	5 OR LOWER
BP Production Penalty	No penalty	-10%	-20%	-45%	-50%

FIST PROFILE SCORE	30+	25	20	15	10 OR LESS
Offensive Combat Penalty	No penalty	-10%	-20%	-45%	-50%

Furthermore you might run into some negative events with negative Momentum. Negative Morality Momentum might result in peace protests. Negative Wellbeing Momentum might result in a sense of lower living standards and this could reduce Happiness. Negative Ascendancy Momentum might demoralize the troops as they'll start to feel like the war is taking a retrograde turn.

6.3.4.7. HEART PROVIDES A BOTTOM TO VIRTUS

Virtus cannot go lower than your Heart Profile divided by 2.5. This is the bottom. Virtus cannot go lower. But before it reaches the Bottom the Heart Profile will already push back. If within 30 points of the bottom you'll get a positive Heart Bottom Limit on your Virtus. The closer to the absolute bottom you get the more pronounced it will become. Maximum +1.5.

6.3.4.8. VIRTUS EFFECTS

Your Virtus Score influences a great number of things. When it is high, all is okay, but when it decreases effects all over the line appear. The most important thing is to remember that low Virtus reduces your capability to fight long hard wars. Autocracy-based Political Systems are much less affected by negative Low Virtus Effects.

NEGATIVE VIRTUS EFFECT	NOTES
Decline in Recruitment*	Less eager to risk their lives
Decline in Casualty Threshold*	More upset about loss of life
Decline in Base Morale*	Less eager to take high losses to defeat the enemy
Decline in CAS increase*	Other Cultures will be less inspired to adapt to yours
Decline in Populace growth*	Populace starts to think: Children cost too much time, personal pleasure time and Credits
Decline in immigration to your Zones*	Neighbouring Populaces will be less inspired to emigrate to your Zones
Events and Rules	A big number of events can be triggered by either low or high Virtus. Parts are discussed elsewhere in this Politics chapter.
Number of Laws increases	Especially in a Spoiled Democracy
Special Event Decisions every 10-15 rounds	Either negative (<70 Virtus) or positive (>60 Virtus) concerning Unrest, Danger, Militancy, Leader character or Private Credits.
Ceiling for Population Happiness	After Virtus drops below 70 max Happiness drops. At Virtus 35 the max Happiness is 80.
Ceiling for Worker Happiness	After Virtus drops below 70 max Happiness drops. At Virtus 35 the max Happiness is 90.
* Only half the effect if you have a Politburo (Autocracy)	

Positive Low Virtus Effects

The lower the Virtus in your nation the more political nihilism will spread and grow. Nihilism is when people no longer believe politics should serve the truth or the common good. It all becomes about factional and even individual interests. Though as the above paragraph shows this gives plenty of negative effects, in the case of the Low Virtus effect of Cynicism, Apathy and Populist Susceptibility, there are some, maybe perverse, but positive effects for you, the player, as the “Supreme Leader” as well.

Positive Low Virtus Effect	Notes
Cynicism (treachery doesn't shock anymore)	Below Virtus 70 Cynicism reduces or negates the negative impact of Declaring War on “friendlies”. (On top of Autocracy Profile that does the same) Below Virtus 70 it also reduces the impact of Low Word on Leader Relation and Faction Happiness.

Apathy (cannot be bothered to resist)	Below Virtus 70 Apathy gives you actually more Political Power (PP) as the counter balancing powers within your administration are resisting less. Below Virtus 70 it also makes Fear cause less or even zero Happiness loss. (On top of Autocracy Profile that does the same)
Populist Susceptibility	Below Virtus 70 Populist Susceptibility makes Bribe Voters and Support Faction Stratagems have more effect. Below Virtus 70 it also makes the 9 Propaganda Stratagems more potent. Makes Populist Factions do better in democratic Elections.
Self-Interest	Below Virtus 70 Self-Interest provides an "inner-circle" Leader Relation and Faction Happiness boost. On the condition they belong to the current Majority. The Leader boost is modified by Ambition and Egoism. The Faction boost is modified by Populism.

6.3.4.9. INERTIA EFFECTS

There are 2 separate Inertia Rules. These kick in if Virtus stays high or immobile for a very long time. The first effect is small and applied every Round, the second can occur through "Virtus crisis" events and can cause big swings in Virtus. Both of them only trigger if you have been in the same Political System for a long time.

Note that having one or more of the Momentums high is insulating you from these Inertia Effects as long as Momentum stays high.

6.3.5. APPARATCHIKS

Your Apparatchiks are basically the part of your Workers that are managers, controllers, auditors and analysts. You always have some, but this keeps your Score at 0; only when it becomes excessive do we start to talk about the overhead as Apparatchiks.

You need to get to a certain size for the Apparatchiks to appear. Small Regimes need not worry about this.

As a rule of thumb the more BP you are producing and the larger your public sector is the more chance you'll have Apparatchiks appear.

Once they appear they require 10x the Credits payment of regular Workers. They have many expenses privately but also in their official function. Like going to restaurants, paying drivers, etc...

There is a minimum cost for an Apparatchik. Minimum cost is 0.01 Cr. Even if regular Workers are not paid the Apparatchiks still have their costs (or privileges).

So if you have for example an Apparatchik Score of 10 that will mean you'll almost pay double the total Worker Salaries that you would pay at Apparatchik Score 0.

Enforcement Profile severely reduces your Apparatchik Score. So does having the Syndic Computer installed.

High Government Profile can increase the Apparatchik Score significantly.

Designer Note:

The Apparatchik Score is a mechanism that makes it harder to rush, especially BP production. A large empire with a large bureaucracy now comes at a cost in Credits too.

6.3.5.1. CALCULATING THE APPARATCHIK SCORE CHANGE

An "Ideal Apparatchik Score" is calculated and then compared to your current Apparatchik Score.

The Ideal Apparatchik Score is:

- $BP\ Weight = ((BP\ producing\ Asset\ Worker\ Count - 5000^*) \times 4) + (All\ other\ Workers - 15000^*)$
- $Total\ Populace = All\ Workers + Population\ from\ Incorporated\ Zones$
- $Unmodified\ Score = (BP\ Weight / Total\ Populace) \times 100$
- $Unmodified\ Score = Unmodified\ Score + ((Government\ Profile - 40) / 2)$
- $Ideal\ Apparatchik\ Score = Unmodified\ Score - (Enforcement\ Profile * 0.4)$
- Ideal Apparatchik Score is then reduced with -20 for obtaining its final value
- Maximum Ideal Apparatchik Score is 50

(*)Note that the reductions of 5000 and 15000 can be less if Government Profile is above 40. (they become 0 at theoretical Government Profile of 100)

So for example if you have a large empire and 15K Workers in Bureaucratic Offices and 40K Workers elsewhere and a Population of 145K and an Enforcement Profile of 40 that would mean: you have $(40+40) / 200 * 100 = 40 - 16 - 20 = 4$ Ideal Apparatchik Score.

So for example if you have a large empire and 25K Workers in Bureaucratic Offices and 75K Workers elsewhere and a Population of 120K and an Enforcement Profile of 40 that would mean: you have $(100+75) / 200 * 100 = 87.5 - 16 - 20 = 51.5 \Rightarrow$ maximized to 50 Ideal Apparatchik Score.

If the Ideal Apparatchik Score is different from the current Apparatchik Score, the Apparatchik Score will move an increment towards the Ideal. It moves a maximum of 3% of the delta upwards and a maximum of 5% of the delta downwards.

6.3.5.2. COMPUTER APPARATCHIK SUPPRESSION

Works best with higher Tech Levels and higher Computer Level as the computer takes over the place of the managerial class: preparing work, organizing, managing, etc but doing it free of charge.

If Apparatchik Score > Maximum Apparatchik Score $(12.5 - (\text{CompuLevel} * 2.5))$ then Apparatchik Score will go down with $\text{techLevel} * 2\%$ of the difference between the two.

Note that this is an offset rule, so if you have a big bureaucracy you'll still gain Apparatchik Score, but it will be reduced by the Computer.

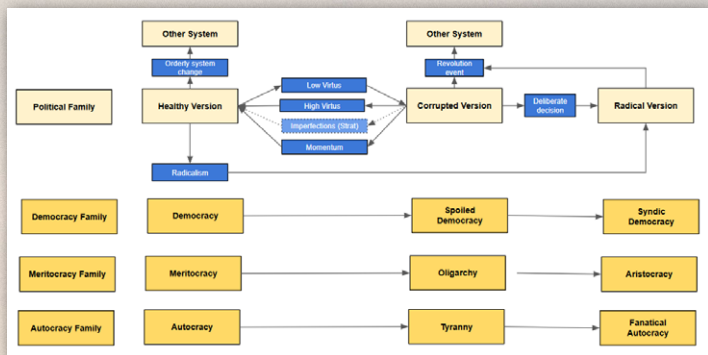
6.3.5.3. APPARATCHIK LEADER FEAT

Once Apparatchik Score goes up, Leaders can get the Apparatchik Feat. Leaders with high Ambition and Seniority but relatively low Willpower are prone to become Apparatchiks. There is a chance they lose the Feat when Apparatchik Score goes below 5%, but for losing it low Ambition and high Willpower help a lot.

Leaders with the Apparatchik Feat have a tendency to get more ambitious, but they also get a +20 bonus on Administration (14), Investigation (19), Programming (61) and Oratory (6) Skill Rolls. They get -10 on their War Stat. Furthermore these Apparatchik Leaders might get involved in special events, especially on higher Apparatchik levels.

6.3.6. POLITICAL SYSTEMS & CHANGE (INCL REVOLUTIONS)

There is a lot to take in with this *Republica* DLC. So before we delve in the respective systems we start with an overview of the full spectrum.



Political Family

There are only 3 Political Bodies you can have in Shadow Empire. You either have a Parliament, a Senate or a Politburo. But each of these can be in 3 different Systems: Its healthy version, its corrupted version or its radical version.

Healthy System Version

With high Virtus the system will be healthy and you can fully benefit from its advantages without getting any negative effects.

Corrupted System Version

With lower Virtus your Political System will become corrupted given enough time. Each type of corrupted system brings its own challenges, but there is more negative than positive to it. The latter should not be underestimated either.

Radical Version

When you have low Virtus you could be presented with the choice to change your system for a Radical Political System. This gives an initial big boost to Virtus and breathes new life into your nation. However it might prove hard

to get out of a radical system and the radicalization won't easily stop once initiated. All Radical Political Systems have 4 different levels of respectively: The Syndic Computer, The Feudal Code and the Glorification of the Supreme Leader.

Orderly Political System Change

In a healthy system it could be possible to change Voting Rights by putting it to a vote in your Political Body. The chance of this working depends on the Factions' preferences though.

Revolution Event

If things go bad because your Political System and Virtus are not where they should be, or things just go bad independent of politics, a Revolution might occur. They usually bring quite some bloodshed and loss of soldiers, Populace and/or Leaders, so only aim towards a Revolution if you have no other options left to restore Virtus or get out of a specific Political System.

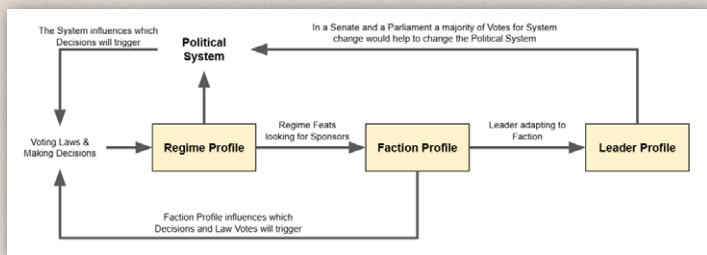
6.3.6.1. PROFILES REFRESHER

Your Regime Profiles (like Democracy, Heart, Fist, etc...) act as a prerequisite for Orderly Political Change. More about that further down in this document.

But Leaders and Factions also have Profiles. It is important to know what they actually signify.

The Regime Profile reflects the "Mood of the Nation" and is similar to a Zeitgeist. If you would go out on the streets, or talk to the Populace in your Assets, they'll be likely to respond in line with the Regime Profile. It would be your average response though and outliers would exist, like in any largish population. The Regime Profile also represents your personal current line of ideology and action (the Player incarnates the Supreme Leader in SE).

Leaders go along with this "Mood of the Nation" much less than the Populace at large, especially if they have their own Profile likes and dislikes.



The Leaders group together in Factions and these Factions have their own Profile. If you are in a Political System where the Factions wield actual power then they might limit your Political System choices.

There are feedback and reinforcement mechanisms here. Factions will tend to enforce their Profile on the Regime Profile by certain types of Decisions and or Laws. (though a smaller reverse effect is also present with the Factions adapting a Regime Feat (that is based on Regime Profile)).

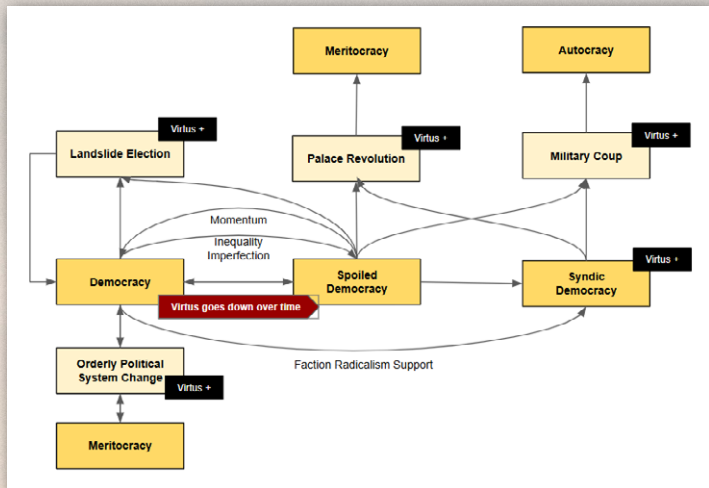
The Faction Profile will also tend to change the Leader Profile. Note however that a Faction might have many flanks inside it. A Leader does not necessarily share all the Factions' official ideology. With Voting the Leader Profile of every Leader in the Faction matters.

6.3.6.2. DEMOCRACY AND SPOILED DEMOCRACY

Laws, which will be discussed later, can give your Regime all kinds of serious bonuses and advantages, the Political Body that will try to enact most of them is the Parliament. This can give you plenty of advantages, but the Democracy political system is prone to getting too many Laws voted in, bloating your budget. Once a Democracy shifts further towards a Spoiled Democracy the number of enacted Laws can really get disastrous. The road to a Spoiled Democracy is a gradual and sloping path. The key driver towards it is decreasing Virtus. Don't get me wrong... Democracy remains a good system, with good Regime Feats. But it now comes with more caveats and eventual challenges.

Exit Paths

Here is an overview of where you can go from a Democracy.



A healthy Democracy

The healthy state of the Parliament Political Systems family. You'll stay here if Virtus stays high.

Going from Democracy to Spoiled Democracy

Once Virtus drops below 65 you'll officially become a Spoiled Democracy.

Getting back from Spoiled Democracy to a healthy Democracy

Once Virtus goes above 75 you'll officially become a Democracy again.

System Switcheroo Memory

Notice that if you swing between the regular and the corrupted version of a system rapidly you will end up at a higher System Round Count and Levels than you would when you switch for the first time.

Becoming a Syndic Democracy

To install the Syndic Computer Level 1, a number of preconditions must be met:

- Syndic Faction must exist, Vote must be >5%.
- Virtus Score must be lower than (30 + Syndic Faction Vote %)
- Tech Level must be 5 or higher
- Political Body is a Parliament
- 50% or more of your Political Body likes or tolerates Government and Democracy Profile
- Rolling 10 or lower with a 1d100

If all these conditions are true then at some point a Decision to install the Syndic Computer will be presented. See the next Chapter on the Syndic Democracy Political System for more information on what will happen next. The above is partly a road of desperation, however there is a second more ideological road to get to installing a Syndic Computer. The Syndic Computer can also become an option if your Faction(s) have very high radicalism (weighted for Vote). In this case the preconditions are:

- Syndic Faction must exist, Vote must be >25%.
- Radicalism% for Syndic Compu must be above or equal to zero. (not negative in any case!)
- Current rounds in Political System Family > (140 - Radicalism% for Syndic Compu)
- Tech Level must be 5 or higher
- Political Body is a Parliament
- Rolling 10 or lower with a 1d100

How do I get a Syndic Faction?

Having such a Faction is one of the preconditions to install a Syndic Democracy. For an existing Faction to become a Syndic Faction the following preconditions must be met:

- No Syndic Faction in existence yet
- Tech Level must be 4 or higher
- Faction has Democracy+ and Government+ or higher
- Minimum 10% of votes
- Virtus Score is lower than 80 (in Parliament, must be even lower with other Political Body)

Landslide Election

This Upheaval Event can occur if:

- Virtus Score is lower than 65
- It has not occurred for some time (minimum 40 rounds)
- Political Body is a Parliament
- No Syndic Computer is installed
- Still 5-10 rounds from next Election
- A 10 is rolled on a 1d10

When it happens you can call Elections at the particular moment in time that favors a surprise result. It will bring a big gain in votes to one (probably surprisingly small) Faction. This breath of “fresh air” will inspire a big jump in Virtus, but it might also change the Majority in your Parliament.

Orderly Political System Change

Your Political Body (Parliament, Senate or Politburo) can change based on who you are allowing to participate in elections. A Parliament changes to a Senate once neither your Population, Workers or Soldiers have the right to vote.

A Senate changes to a Politburo when you restrict the right to vote to your Cabinet Leaders only.

A politburo changes to a Senate or Parliament once the vote has been extended outside of your Cabinet.

You can have a Class based or a Representational voting system. This is only of interest if you have a Parliament. In a representational system, it is one man, one vote. In a class-based system, the Population's vote determines 25% of the seats, the Workers' vote determines 25% of the seats, the Soldiers' vote determines 25% of the seats and your Leader's vote determines 25% of the seats. If you have certain Regime Profile values, certain Political System changes will eventually be proposed.

Note however that with the *Republica* DLC that Factions must be favorable to the consequences of such an Orderly Political System Change. For example in a Parliament, a Faction that dislikes Meritocracy will be really strongly against taking Voting Rights away from the last Class that still has them.

Possible Voting Rights Decisions

CHANGE PROPOSED	RELATED PROFILE PREREQUISITE
Take Pop vote away	demo<30, merito>=50 auto >=50
Take Worker vote away	demo<30, merito>=50 auto >=50
Take Soldiers vote away	demo<30, merito>=50 auto >=50
Give Pop vote	demo>=50 , merito<30 & auto<30
Give Worker vote	demo>=50 , merito<30 & auto<30
Give Soldier vote	demo>=50 , merito<30 & auto<30
Take Leaders vote	merito<30, auto>=50
Give Leaders vote	merito>=50, auto<30
Introduce Class-based voting	enforcement>=50 government<30
Introduce Representational voting	commerce<30, government>=50

Palace Revolution

If the bureaucrats start complaining they are directed by idiots. When they feel they are losing influence and budget they might be ready to topple the current Political System. If Virtus drops so might your Bureaucratic Point (BP) production, or your Apparatchik Score , the Bureaucratic Decline Level will start rising. If it is high enough it creates the possibility of a Palace Revolution. When this happens, military losses are possible in contested Zones with Commanders supporting the revolution and loyalist Commanders trying to deny the Workers to impose their revolution. The Capital will always be won because of the huge influence the Apparatchiks and Bureaucrats wield there, but other Zones might be lost when the Loyalists manage to hold on to them. The Political Body of what's left of your Nation will change to Senate and Meritocracy Profile gets a huge boost.

Military Coup

If there is no Authoritarian Political Body in charge and the war is not going well... When the survival of the nation seems at stake then the Military might be ready to betrayl the current Political System in order to turn the tide of War through imposing military style authority on the nation at large. If the Outside Pressure Level (OPL) gets really high (like above 1000) and there is Military Coup Potential (MCP) among your Commanders then a Military Coup could take place. The OPL is strongly determined by the loss of Hexes and Victory Score. The Leader MCP is strongly impacted by the Leader's Heroism. If the Coup succeeds by taking the Capital and a certain

dice roll is made (easier with higher OPL) then the Coup starts. When this happens, military losses are possible in contested Zones with Commanders supporting the Coup and loyalist Commanders fighting them. Zones might be lost if the Loyalists manage to hold on to them. The Political Body of what's left of your Nation will change to Politburo and Autocracy Profile gets a huge boost.

Popular Uprising

If the Population is without Voting Rights and feels it is in decline and its interests forgotten, they might be ready to rise up and claim what is theirs. If the Private Decline Level (PDL) gets really high (like above 1000) and there is Popular Complicity Score (PCS) among your Leaders then a Popular Uprising could take place. The PDL is strongly impacted by any decline in Population or Private Salaries. The PCS of a Leader depends a lot on his Altruism Score. If Altruist they take the suffering of the Populace seriously and it might overrule their own political preferences. The PCS can be zero if PDL gets really high (>3000). If the Coup succeeds in taking the Capital and a certain dice roll is made then the Revolution starts. When this happens, military losses are possible in contested Zones with Commanders supporting the Revolution and loyalist Commanders. Any Loyalists will also fight the Populace during the Uprising. It's possible for the Populace to win even if all Commanders in the Zone are against them. Zones might be lost if the Loyalists manage to suppress the Uprising and hold on to them. The Political Body of what's left of your Nation will change to Parliament and Democracy Profile gets a huge boost.

Populist Attacks

In a non-Syndic Democracy Populist Factions might attempt to harass others, especially non-Populists with high Seniority.

6.3.6.3. SYNDIC DEMOCRACY

Democracy, especially when Virtus is declining, often gives rise to the foundation of a Syndic Faction. The Syndics... you should know... only want one thing: installing their "great" Computer. It's their Alpha and Omega. According to their ideology and beliefs, it is the only way to ensure full equality in society. They often claim that if only the Galactic Republic had listened to them, it would not have crumbled.

When the Tech Level is high enough, you can decide to install the Syndic Computer to help guide your nation. Once this is done, the Computer will begin offering advice on many issues, which can be difficult to circumvent. Maybe not so hard at Level I, but soon enough, the Computer will start demanding more and more power. Once it reaches Level IV, part of the decision-making will be truly out of your hands.

That being said, the Computer does inspire the people, as they feel like the vanguard of a bright new future. One might even argue that the Computer genuinely wants the best for society and cares about the Populace. Being a Syndic Computer, however, it envisions the future through the lens of bigger government and more “Democracy.” Note that its definition of Democracy is not exactly the traditional one. It will be tempted to ensure the ballot count mirrors the (ideal) will of the people.

On the flip side, it will reduce the need for Apparatchiks, as it gradually takes over more and more management tasks, doing them directly on subprocessors. Additionally, extra programming and upgrades to its circuitry can significantly boost public production, happiness, and even population growth.

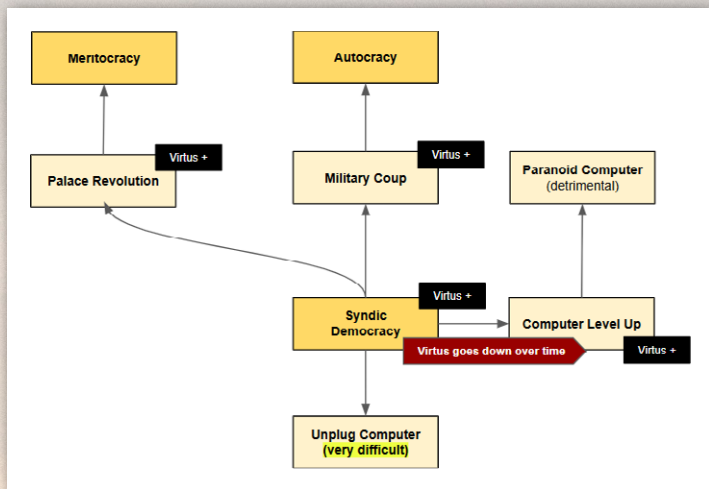
The Computer can eventually become quite paranoid. At some point, it might start to believe that certain Leaders want to “pull its plug”. It may then be tempted to “convert” those Leaders to its point of view—either by soft means or by... eh, “accidental” ones... The latter may well prove fatal to the targeted Leader.

In the short term, the Computer might rally your people, taking them where no one has gone before, and restoring Virtus to peak levels. But in the long term, it may grow overbearing and paranoid. Sooner or later, someone will have to actually literally pull the plug. That won't be easy—because the Computer might not agree. And doing so may very well require violence (revolution).

So... you have installed the Syndic Computer yourself? Congratulations - you are now officially a Syndic Democracy. Your guiding light is the Computer. But what does this mean? Please continue reading to find out.

Exit Paths

The only way to get out of a Syndic Democracy is Revolution or Unplugging the Computer.



Computer Levels

When freshly installed, the Computer Level will be Level 1. But over time there will be proposals to upgrade the Computer to a higher Computer Level. The higher the Level the stronger its meddling will become. On the other hand every Level Upgrade will give you a big Virtus boost.

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Extra PP Cost for Decisions Computer does not like	20pp on average	40pp on average	80pp on average	160pp on average
Extra Virtus when this Level is reached	+5d20	+4d20	+3d20	+2d20
Average Suspicion Roll	80	110	140	170

Computer and Military Commanders

The Computer is strongest in the Cities where the infrastructure permits it to actively monitor and control people. Out in the immense Wastelands it has trouble exercising its control. This means that Military Commanders, that will stay out of Cities as much as they can, remember, a Hex is 200x200 km) are more free from its meddling than others.

Computer Relation and PP Income

Basically it means the Computer is a Cabinet member and has a Relation Score. If the Relation with the Computer is low (<50) the Computer will start to reduce your PP income (by obfuscating your interface controls, diverting them or caching them). If your Relation with the Computer is high (>50) it will cost you less PP to ignore Decisions that are not strictly approved by the Computer. Also you will get a higher PP income (by improving your interface and communications and analytics) especially if you have a higher Computer Level and higher Tech Level.

Computer Preferences

The Computer is a member of Cabinet and wants the best for the nation, as it sees it. It will make the choices, it does not approve of, impossible or expensive in Political Points (PP). Regular Decisions in the Decision Tab will often see the Computer chiming in and preferring one Decision or another. It will even argue, but don't expect to follow its train of thought.

Computer reduces Political Body autonomy

No Demands will be made, No Speeches will be made.

Computer cares about the People

It will be seriously troubled if the Worker or Population Support Scores drop too low. At this point the Computer will likely start making promises of improvements to the masses that are not always realistic. You as Supreme Leader will have your Word Score on the line as well when this happens.

Computer and Passive Diplomacy

The Computer does not care so much about Minors. But the Computer might like or dislike certain Major Regimes and block you from declaring war on them. It has a weak spot for Democracies basically. This will become clear with Diplomatic Decisions, Stratagems and Declaring War. Extra PP might be imposed by the Computer. At higher levels it can put so many extra PP costs on top, that it can basically block certain actions.

Computer and Active Diplomacy

The Computer might go so far as to actively start meddling in politics. It could start on a path towards war with a Regime it does not like, or could start even on a path of peace with an enemy you are fighting while we speak.

Computer and Elections

The Computer loves Democracy, but it does want the best result for the People, as it sees the needs of the People. At higher Computer Levels it might start twisting the elections by giving the Syndic Faction extra support and information.

Computer and Calling a Law Vote

The Computer lets Parliament do its business concerning Laws, it's too complex to manage well for it... But the Computer sits right on your desk. If you try to call a Law Vote it doesn't like then you have to expect to pay (a lot) more PP.

Computer SSF confiscations

The Computer is not a great believer in private ownership, especially if in the hands of your Leaders. Any SSF might be confiscated by the Syndic Computer, increasing the treasury of the state, but making your Leaders unhappy & less democratic, unless the Leader is of great ideological purity, being confronted with confiscation will not be welcomed.

Computer and Extremist Laws

Social Laws that normally require low Virtus can be passed at higher Virtus with the Computer present. Modified Virtus level used for these calculations in a Syndic Democracy is current Virtus - (Computer Level * 15)

Syndic Faction Law Votes are strongly swayed by the sentiments of the Syndic Computer even if Faction's own Profile is different, more so at higher Computer Levels.

Computer Apparatchik Suppression

Works best with higher Tech Level and higher Computer Level as the computer takes over the place of the managerial class: preparing work, organizing, managing, etc.... See Apparatchik section for exact rules.

Passive Computer HR

The Computer is very much interested in Human Resources and notably in Appointing Leaders it feels are ideologically sound. It will look for Leaders with strong Democracy and Government Profiles. Nominating others might become impossible or costly. The same goes for dismissing Leaders it feels in phase with its algorithms, it won't like that.

Active Computer HR

Especially on higher Computer Levels the Computer will try to make your Leaders more in line with its ideology.

Every Round there is like a 10% chance it will check its Suspicion Score against a Profile Check of any Leader. If Suspicion is higher than an Influence Attempt will be made. If Suspicion is higher than (Profile Check - 50) nothing will happen. If Suspicion is lower than (Profile Check - 50) then a Happy Computer Event might happen.

Happy Computer Event

The chance to get such an event is higher with more difference between Profile Check and Suspicion Score, but also with higher Computer Levels. If the event materializes the Computer gives a boon to the Leader in question. The faithful will be rewarded!

Suspicion Score

The score is higher with higher Computer Levels. It grows more and more paranoid over time basically.

Calculation is as follows:

- $\text{CompuLevel} * 30$
- $(100 - \text{Compu Rel}) / 2$
- +25

“Sound Ideology” Profile Check

The higher the Profile Check the more worrisome the Computer finds the Leader.

The calculation is as follows:

- Each positive Government or Democracy Profile Level * 40
- Each negative Government or Democracy Profile Level * -25
- Each positive Autocracy or Meritocracy Profile Level * -25
- - (seniority rank / 2)
- $\text{compuThreatCount Steps} * -25$
- $\text{compuInfluence Steps} * 25$
- 4d50
- +200 in OHQ
- +50 in SHQ
- +25 in Reserve Pool
- -100 if dynastic member
- -50 if oligarch
- -25 if tyrant

Influence Attempt

If the Computer’s Persuasion Roll is higher than the Leader’s Resistance Score the Leader will be influenced by the Computer and see a Profile change. If the Persuasion Roll is in between the Resistance Score and higher than the (Resistance Score - 30) nothing will happen, but if it is below then a Menace Check will be made by the Computer.

Computer’s Persuasion Roll

The Computer tries to convince the Leader to accept that the Syndic Computer is the way forward. Calculation is as follows:

- $\max(2+\text{compuLevel}, 2+\text{compuThreatCount Steps}) * 20$
- $(1+\text{compuLevel}) \text{ d}50$
- +40
- $+25 - (\text{compuRel} / 2)$

Leader Resistance Score

Some Leaders have strong convictions, others do not. Calculation is as follows:

- Cap Level * 30
- Altruism / 3
- Anti Demo/Gov steps * 10
- Witty / 3
- Authority / 3
- Willpower (full)
- Resist Influence Real Skill Level

Influencing of Leader by Computer

The Leader is convinced by logic or by fear and adapts his/her world view to that of the Syndic utopia.

The Leader adapts +1 to Government or Democracy Profile, or loses a positive Autocracy or Meritocracy Level.

Also the Leader loses a Threat Count Step and gains an Influence Count Step.

Menace Check

The Computer has decided the Leader is a threat to its survival. It will now determine if it is going to try to Assassinate the Leader or to Threaten the Leader.

Danger Score is the difference between Leader Resistance and Computer's Persuasion Roll. If the Danger Score is higher than the Threshold then the Computer will make an Assassination Attempt. If not it will threaten the Leader, which might scare the Leader, or not.

The Assassination Threshold

The Threshold goes down with more Threats made. Once the Computer realizes that its threats don't help it will move towards Assassination.

- 4d50
- -threatenCount * -40
- +clearanceLevel * 25

Assassination Attempt

There are many different ways the Computer could try to do this. To protect themselves, Leaders could benefit from the following Skills: personal combat, improvisation, survival, programming, technician, ecology.

Syndic Computer Programming Task

Once you have a Computer installer the Interior Council will have the Programming Task active. When BP are allocated it can result in different stratagems. Note that these Stratagems will need the Programming Skill with your Interior Council Director to be executed well.

CARD	RARITY	EFFECTS
Information Retrieval	Common	Give X Rounds of info on what Computer thinks of a specific Leader
Maintenance	Rare	Gives X Rounds of Computer being offline, giving you freedom of action
Upgrade Logic I-IV	Uncommon	+0.1% per Level of Populace Growth
Upgrade CPU I-IV	Uncommon	+10% per Level of Public Production Bonus
Upgrade RAM I-IV	Uncommon	+1 Per Level of Populace Happiness Bonus
Pull the Plug	Very Rare	Disables the Syndic Computer if successful. (very difficult)
IO Hack	Uncommon	Increase Clearance Level of specific Leader
Defragmentation	Common	Increase the wait for the next demand of a higher Computer Level.
Database Edit	Common	Resets Threat Count for a specific Leader and increases Influence Count. (makes the Computer like the Leader more)

Clearance Level

Leaders can have a higher or lower Clearance Level. A higher level is seen as the Leader being a trustee of the Computer. The Clearance Level protects them from the wrath of the Computer as well as facilitating executing certain programming Stratagems.

Unplug Decision / Orderly Political Change

It's possible to use a Programmer to use the Pull the Plug Stratagem to unplug the Computer. But if you manage to change your Profile you can have Parliament make the Decision to change the Political Body and de

facto Unplug the Computer as well. For a chance for this to be proposed in Parliament you need 60% or more of your Political Body to dislike Government and Democracy Profile or prefer Autocracy/Meritocracy.

Confiscation of SSF

The Computer does not like rich wealthy individuals very much. At higher levels especially the Computer will try to confiscate SSFs over time.

Impossible Promises

At higher levels especially the Computer will be troubled by unhappiness and low Virtus and make overblown public promises without consulting you.

6.3.6.4. MERITOCRACY AND OLIGARCHY

Meritocracy is one of the better systems that provides the player with plenty of bonuses and very good Regime Feats. On top of that, having a Senate instead of a Parliament means there will be less Laws voted on and no danger of overburdening the Nation with legislation. A Senate will also pay much more heed to any desires of the Supreme Leader. But it is also one of the more fragile systems because there is both a lack of checks and balances as well as a lack of absolute authority of the Supreme Leader.

Meritocracy means the rule of those with the most merit. Now there are many definitions of merit possible. Any definition would really be quite subjective. Who decides what merit is after all? The best for whom? In the Shadow Empire Universe the ideal form of Meritocracy is the rule of the most capable: those most skilled, most wise, those best at their job.

However once the Virtus Score of the nation goes down the definition will change and will shift towards the rule of those that have the most Social Standing. Lower Virtus Meritocracy will therefore slowly devolve into an Oligarchy.

Be careful to not be too complacent with an Oligarchy as it has a tendency to entrench itself. Atrophy in your ranks will set in as your Senate will start to substitute Social Standing for Suitability and Capability. It will get harder to get new Leaders to important positions.

lower. SSS=30 (low) at virtue level 55.. While for example SSS=100 (super sensitive) will always be eager to become an Oligarch.

Once this condition is satisfied the actual % of becoming an Oligarch is only present with Virtus dipping under 70. Here it is 1% chance, under 60 it is 2% chance, under 50 it is 3% chance, etc...

The chance to become an Oligarch is diminished if there are Counter Espionage Agents active in the Zone.

The Leader gets the Oligarch Leader Feat when he becomes an Oligarch. The more Oligarchs you have the higher your Oligarchy Score.

Oligarchs will impose Redirections on their direct subjects (see Redirections).

Oligarchs have a tendency to infight with each other.

There is a high degree of: Once an Oligarch, Always an Oligarch. It is hard to get rid of this Leader Feat. And its effect stays in place in all Political Systems.

Loss of the Oligarch Leader Feat

This is possible, but only under certain conditions:

- If he/she finds himself in a Dynastic Faction he/she will quickly lose the Oligarch Feat
- Syndic Computer will eliminate these Leaders
- Fanatics will eliminate these Leaders
- At high Virtus (>80) there is a chance that those with low SSS will lose the Feat. If $100 < \text{Virtus} + 20 - \text{SSS}$ and if $20 - \text{SSS} > 1d100$

Oligarchy Score

The percentage of leaders with the Oligarch Feat, weighted for their Seniority Rank. Any Political System can have an Oligarchy Score, but it is in a Meritocracy-Oligarchy that its effects are worst felt.

Redirections

The Oligarch redirects up to 75% (modified for Regime's Oligarchy Score) from Private Credits Growth, Worker or Soldiers Salaries. This is in the gray Zone of legality and definitely not Corruption. In fact actual theft by a Leader will stop completely if Redirections are a more important source of revenue.

Purge

This Upheaval Event can occur if:

- Virtus Score is lower than 65
- It has not occurred for some time (minimum 40 rounds)
- Political Body is a Senate
- Oligarchy Score > (4d6)%
- A 10 is rolled on a 1d10

When it happens you can call a Purge, blaming all woes of the country on a scapegoat. When you decide to purge then there will be some bloodshed, but it will make the People believe that the nation is back on track and Virtus will go on average with +25.

Adopting a “Feudal Code”

Oligarchs do not like changing the Political System, they are good when they are in a Meritocracy or Oligarchy. If you have many Oligarchs your only escape will be Aristocracy that entices them because it feels like a more noble form of Oligarchy.

The proposal to adopt a Feudal Code can occur if:

- Virtus Score is lower than (35 + Oligarchy Score)
- Political Body is a Senate
- Heart Profile of your Regime is relatively high (Heart 60 is about 5% chance, Heart 40 is about 1% chance)
- Certain size: At least 2 Factions and at least 2 non-Capital Zones with 10% or more of the Capital Populace.
- Rolling 10 or lower with a 1d100

If all these conditions are true then at some point a Decision to adopt the Feudal Code will be presented. If this passes your Political System will become an Aristocracy. For this to be easy to pass the majority of your Political Body should be strongly pro Meritocracy Profile.

The above is partly a road of desperation, however there is a second more ideological road to adopt a Feudal Code. The Feudal Code can also become an option if your Faction(s) have very high radicalism (weighted for Vote). In this case the preconditions are:

- Political Body is a Senate
- Heart Profile of your Regime is relatively high (Heart 60 is about 5% chance, Heart 40 is about 1% chance)
- Certain size: At least 2 Factions and at least 2 non-Capital Zones with 10% or more of the Capital Populace.
- Current rounds in Political System Family > (180 - Radicalism% for Feudal Code)
- Rolling 10 or lower with a 1d100

The nation will be hopeful for a noble new future and receive +5d20 Virtus. Your top 2 Factions will become Dynastic Factions and each receive 1 Zone Fief each.

Oligarch infighting

Oligarchs might try to abuse their position to try to take away SSF from other Leaders, especially other Oligarchs, and transfer them to their own holdings.

6.3.6.5. ARISTOCRACY

The Feudal Code basically upgrades some Factions to Dynastic Factions. These Dynastic Factions will get their own Fiefs and obtain direct income from them (Feudal Levy). This levy is sizable but more noble and much smaller than the potential maximum Oligarch Redirections.

These Dynastic Factions also have assured seats in the Senate. And as the Feudal Code Levels advance they'll become stronger, gaining more Zones and privileges. The Compound of the Primus Inter Pares (leader of a Dynastic Faction) will become the focal point of the whole Faction. They'll pool their revenues to upgrade it as much as possible for the good of their dynasty, but also for the good of their Fiefs and their Household Militias.

A special advantage of "Feudal" Zones is that their Militancy will start to rise again, no longer being limited by the presence of Regular Troops. The Capital is no longer the point of reference. These new Militias will be by default loyal to their Dynastic masters. This means that if your relation with a Dynastic Faction drops they might withhold the use of their Household Militias and position them in their own Cities instead.

Note that these Feudal Militias can rapidly become much stronger than your prior Militias, as the Dynastic Faction might become capable of upgrading them to modern regular Models.

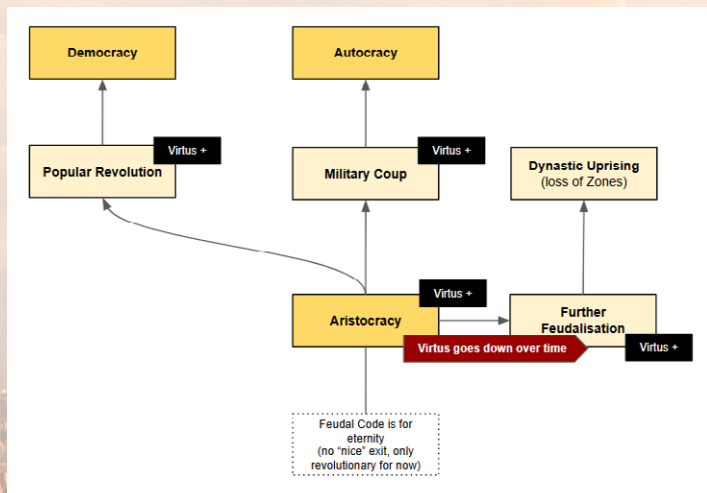
The stronger these Dynastic Factions become the more they'll become like families with a fixed senior Faction Leader and an inner circle of loyalists. Children and family members might make an entrance as well in the higher levels of Aristocracy, as they'll start to prefer recruiting loyal family members. The biggest downside of higher levels of Feudal Code is that the dynastics become much more prickly, arrogant in a way and sensitive to you making decisions that do not go their way. It is possible to disappoint a Dynastic Faction so much that you are confronted with a Dynastic Uprising. This is a dreaded event as all the Leaders of the Dynastic Faction will rebel all together.

Under the condition that you do not alienate the Dynastic Faction nobles, the key force of this system is however its stability and military autonomy (Militias).

There is no formal way out of an Aristocracy as the Dynastic Factions will have a majority of votes in the Senate. The only way out is through revolution, either by the people or by the military.

Exit Paths

Feudal Code, once established, can only be overthrown by a revolution. It is a code that is meant for eternity. Only exits are Revolutions.



Increasing the Feudal Code Level

The proposal to adopt a higher level of the Feudal Code can occur if:

- Virtus Score is lower than $(35 + \text{Oligarchy Score} + (\text{Feudal Code Level} * 10))$
- Political Body is a Senate
- Heart Profile of your Regime is relatively high (more chance)
- At least 2 non-Capital Zones, that are not yet Dynastic Fiefs, with 10% or more of the Capital Populace.

If all these conditions are true then at some point a Decision to increase the Feudal Code Level will be presented. If this passes your Political System will become an Aristocracy. For this to be easy to pass the majority of your Political Body should be strongly pro Meritocracy Profile.

The nation will be hopeful for a noble new future and receive +4d20, +3d20 or +2d20 Virtus. If a non-Dynastic Faction is in the top 2 Factions it will become a new Dynastic Faction.

Top Factions for becoming Dynastic Factions

The best Factions for becoming Dynastic Factions are those:

- High seniority leaders
- Less oligarch feats
- High cap level
- Faction and Faction Leader positive towards Meritocracy (and non autocratic)
- No Zone Fiefs yet diminishes score
- Each Zone Fief multiplies score *1.5 (existing Dynastic Factions are more likely to be in Top 2)

Reserved Dynastic Senate Seats

When there are elections at least 33% of the seats will go to the Dynastic Factions. The remainder is distributed according to the vote.

Primus Inter Pares

The aristocratic name of the Faction Leader of a Dynastic Faction is "Primus Inter Pares" or: first among equals. There will usually be no change of Faction Leader with a Dynastic Faction. And the Primus Inter Pares will

receive most Wealth of the other Faction Members and use this Wealth to buy SSF (Assets) that serve the Dynasty and its Fiefs as a whole.

Feudal Fief

You are obliged by the Feudal Code to appoint a Governor of the same Dynastic Faction as the Zone Fief belongs to. The Dynasty will push forward their member with highest Dynastic Rank#.

Any Feudal Fief when governed by a Dynastic Member will provide a Feudal Levy. At Feudal Code Level 1 this is 15% of Private Credits Gain, but at Level 4 it goes up to 30%. This “tax” is delivered directly to the Primus Inter Pares of the Dynasty.

These Fiefs are rather autonomous:

- You cannot reduce the Zone borders of any Fief
- You cannot Nationalize anything except Private Truck Stations and Ports, The Dynasty values its private economy!
- You cannot change the Governor, Only the Dynasty can
- You cannot delegate any Asset from/to a Fief
- All previous delegations will be cancelled
- Also the Feudal Pop cannot move out (and the Fief Governor will still try to recruit outside its Zone in non Dynastic Zones)
- Cannot recruit a lot of Soldiers / Colonists... final recruitment level is divided by (Feudal Level *2). And further modified downwards by any suboptimal relation you have with Dynasty.
- You can send as many Colonists however as you like to settle; the Fiefs always welcome extra subjects

The Dynasty that owns the Fief has many ways to invest in its Fiefs by upgrading the Compound of the Primus Inter Pares. SSF Assets like Consortium, Bellatorium, etc... can be added providing various bonuses to all the Dynastic Fiefs. See the section on SSF Assets for details.

Household Militia

There is a chance every turn that a Militia Unit from the Fief will become Household Militia for the Dynastic Faction. This means the Unit will now only be under your control as long as your Relation is good. If Relation is

above 80 all Household Militia Units will be available to you, if relation is below 40, none will be. In between it depends.

Militancy in Feudal Fiefs is no longer impacted by Regular:Militia troops ratio, nor by Zone Culture Score. And the maximum Militia size is multiplied by $(\text{FeudalLevel}+4)/3$.

Household Militia when formed from scratch will use better (and more recent) Models than Regular Militia. Household militia can upgrade existing troops with better Models (must be upgradeable though). Upgrade chance for existing troop section to have subformation upgrade is 2%,4%,6%,8% depending on Feudal Level. Note that for the upgrade to succeed the XP needs to be high (less so with higher Feudal Levels) and the upgrade must be “substantially” stronger than the current model/troop type.

Sensitivity of Dynastic Factions

They can become prickly even a bit arrogant with higher Feudal Levels. When Decisions are made they will be very miffed if their advice is not heeded. Also they are very concerned when a Decision concerns one of their Fiefs. At the highest Feudal Level the relation changes can be 5 times more severe than regular relation effects.

Dynastic Uprising

The moment you say no to a demand to an extra Feudal Code Level there is a chance one of the Dynasties takes this badly. The chance depends on Virtus Level and Faction Relation Score.

- When Faction Relation=100,Virtus=100 then impossible.
- If Faction Relation=80 and Virtus=80 then 1% chance for a Dynastic Uprising.
- If Faction Relation=60 and Virtus=60 then 18% chance for a Dynastic Uprising.
- If Faction Relation=40 and Virtus=60 then 30% chance for a Dynastic Uprising.
- If Faction Relation=40 and Virtus=40 then 53% chance for a Dynastic Uprising.

If a Dynastic Uprising takes place this means that all Units and Zones belonging to the Dynasty will try to join the Rebels and leave your Regime. There will be fighting if there are loyal Units in their Fiefs as well, Rebels get

a bonus of +100% in their own dynastic zones. Meritocracy will take -33% drop because your system is seriously shaken.

Grandeur

The Dynastic Factions love “Grandeur”. This is manifested in Monument Assets which provide Grandeur Points. The Grand Monument Asset is the most powerful Grandeur Asset, but Libraries and Universities also generate some. It is mostly harmless and costly. However it can impress foreign Regimes.

International Aristocratic Marriage

Many foreign Regimes are quite impressed with an (especially foreign) Aristocracy. This can work to your advantage as your Dynastic Factions are willing to organize marriages that can solidify and deepen you relation with another Major Regime.

6.3.6.6. AUTOCRACY AND TYRANNY

The Autocracy political system itself is probably the simplest to play. Basically you have wide ranging discretionary powers. If there are any Laws proposed by your Politburo they can easily be vetoed at a minimal PP cost.

On top of that it is a system that has lower Virtus decay than all others. And reduced negative effects of low Virtus. You don't need to actually believe you just need to salute and follow orders and sacrifice yourself! For the supreme leader!

Perfect right? Well... it will take some time but at some point your Commanders will start to emulate the super hierarchic system on a lower scale and they'll think themselves supreme Leaders in their own little empires (be that a Zone or a Council or Units). Depending on their personality they'll probably become little Tyrants over time. Which will lead to all sorts of excesses that will terrorize their subjects. And beware Tyrants might devolve further into Sadists.

At some point your system will risk devolving into a Tyranny, no matter how noble the intentions of the Supreme Leader.

Now... A Tyranny is a nasty place to live in and it will breed more and more little Tyrants, even Sadists, among your Leaders. They'll keep control for you, sure they will, but they will run their part of your empire as their own little empire of fear. They'll become egocentric and often very brutal. This

Going from Autocracy to Tyranny

Once your Tyranny Score goes above 12 or Virtus below 65 you'll officially become a Tyranny.

Getting back from Tyranny to healthy Autocracy

Once your Tyranny Score goes below 8 and Virtus above 75 you'll become a healthy Autocracy again.

Leader Tyrant Potential (LTP)

Leader Tyrant Potential is the Average of:

- Egoism Leader Stat
- Cowardice Leader Stat
- Authority Leader Stat
- Leader Fist/Aut Stat (*33)
- Regime Fist/Aut Profile (*33)
- Faction Fist/Aut Profile (*33)

Being a Value Type= Pioneer will divide LTP by up to 4 (at valueType=100) and minus 20

Being a Society Type = Honor will divide LTP by up to 2 (at valueType=0) and minus 10

Already being a Tyrant or Sadist will multiply the LTP respectively by 2 and 4 and plus 10/20.

Leader becomes Tyrant

A Leader can become a Tyrant if the Political Body is a Politburo, but we are not in a Fanatical Autocracy. When Virtus drops below 60 there is a 1% chance, below 50 a 2% chance, below 40 a 3% chance, etc...

However the chance is modified for the LTP of the Leader. So if a Leader has a LTP of 100 it has 200% the chance to become a Tyrant while a Leader of LTP 10 has only 20% the chance.

Having the Tyrant Feat can cause Tyrant Events to trigger.

Tyranny Score

The Tyranny Score 0-100 reflects the percentage of your Leaders that have become a Tyrant, weighted for their Seniority Rank.

The higher the Tyranny Score the less often the Political Body will take the initiative to repeal or enact a Law. They are focussing on their own little domains and don't care much anymore about the larger picture.

Having just a little bit of Tyranny Score will improve the chance for Leaders to:

- Have an increase in Authority Score (drops off at 80)
- Have an increase in Egoism Score (drops off at 80)
- Have an increase in Fist Profile +
- Have an increase in Aut Profile +

The square root of the Tyranny Score is the percentage chance for any Leader to get an increase in 1 of the 4 Stats above. So 5% tyranny => 2% chance. However this chance is modified by the LTP:

- ≤ 20 LTP => no chance
- ≤ 30 LTP => quarter of chance
- ≤ 40 LTP => half the chance
- ≥ 60 LTP then double the chance
- ≥ 70 LTP 3x the chance
- ≥ 80 LTP 4x the chance
- ≥ 90 LTP 5x the chance

Or in other words: once the first Tyrants start to appear the LTP of the other will go up faster. There is a snowball effect possible here.

Tyrant becomes Sadist

Same chances as acquiring the Tyrant Leader Feat, but must already have the Tyrant Leader Feat. Furthermore the chance is reduced if the Leader has high Wit, a good sense of humor (and can thus relativize).

Having the Sadist Feat can cause Sadist Events to trigger.

Losing the Tyrant Leader Feat

Above Virtus $> (80 - (\text{Glorification or Feudal Code Level}))$ there is a chance to lose the Sadist and Tyrant Leader Feats. Note that this chance is less for cowardly or corrupt Leaders.

- Tyrant and Sadist push towards Graft SSFs.

Effects with Tyrant and Sadist Leaders

Some consequences of having a Tyrant Leader might seem slightly positive especially if the Leader is a Zone Governor or a Military Commander. However with a Sadist Leader it all takes a turn for the worse, no matter really what position, except still maybe Zone Governor.

	TYRANT	SADIST + TYRANT
QOL security production	+100%	+150%
Unrest mod per turn	-2	-2
Fear mod per turn	+2	+5
Soldier morale modifier	-1	-3
Council Director change of any Director BP relation modifier	-20%	-40%
Diplomacy Roll	-20	-40
Defensive Tactics Roll	+20	+10
STR Stat	+10	+5
CHA Stat	-5	-10
Defensive Works	+20	+10
Items Production Modifier	none	-20

A Tyrant suffers double the Relation backlash for being fired. As the Leader will feel hurt in the core of his Tyranny-love and will feel it is unjust that he is being punished for emulating your own methods and ideological direction.

Glorification of the Supreme Leader

Tyrants do not like changing the Political System, they are good where they are in an Autocracy or Tyranny. If you have many Tyrants your only escape will be a Fanatical Autocracy that entices them because it feels like a more noble form of Tyranny.

The proposal to Glorify the Supreme Leader can come if:

- Virtus Score must be lower than (35 + Tyranny Score)
- Political Body is a Politburo
- Rolling 5 or lower with a 1d100

If all these conditions are true then at some point a Decision to Glorify the Supreme Leader will be presented. If this passes your Political System will become a Fanatical Autocracy. For this to be easy to pass the majority of your Political Body should be strongly pro Autocracy Profile.

The above is partly a road of desperation, however there is a second more ideological road to get to a Fanatical Autocracy. Glorification can also become an option if your Faction(s) have very high radicalism (weighted for Vote). In this case the preconditions are:

- Political Body is a Politburo
- Ascendency Score ≥ 20
- Current rounds in Political System Family $> (140 - \text{Radicalism}\% \text{ for Glorification})$
- Rolling 5 or lower with a 1d100

(For higher levels 40 rounds per existing level is added to the 140)

The nation will be hopeful for a new era of divine guidance by the Supreme Leader and receive +5d20 Virtus.

The Faction that's most into Enforcement and Autocracy Profiles and not yet fanatic will get an extra Fanatical Level. The Fanatical Potential Score (FPS) is used to determine which Faction will become Fanatical. (High score for mostly Aut/Enf, but if Fac Leader is oli/tyr/sad/dynastic that really really doesnt help)

All existing Fanatic Factions will get an extra Fanatical level as well. Once the road to Fanaticism has been taken it only radicalizes itself further and further.

Crusade

This Crusade Event can occur if:

- Virtus Score is lower than 65
- It has not occurred for some time (minimum 40 rounds)
- Political Body is a Politburo
- Tyranny Score $> 4d6\%$
- A 10 is rolled on a 1d10

When it happens you can call a Crusade, blaming all woes of the country on a foreign power. When you decide to Crusade you obviously will have quite a new challenge on your hands with a new front opening up. But it will make the People believe that the nation is back on track and Virtus will go up on average with +25.

Tyrant Provocation

Tyrants can sometimes provoke the Population by acting harshly. It's hard to avoid, but the blow can be softened.

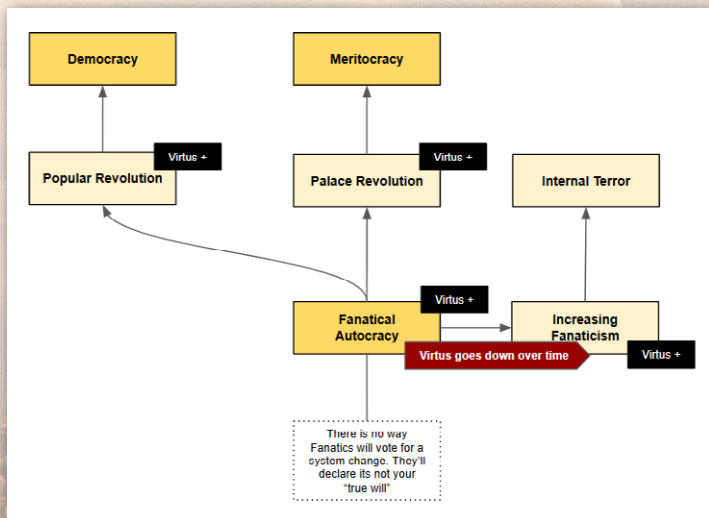
Tyrant Overkill

The earlier mentioned Provocations can result in minor rebellious behaviour which can in turn lead to the Tyrant to use overkill to restore law and order.

6.3.6.7. FANATICAL AUTOCRACY

Once you allow your own Glorification the Fanatics will thrive and spread a new gospel. These Fanatics don't care about themselves, only about the Nation and its glorious supreme Autocrat (you). They'll stamp out any Tyrants and Sadists, they'll return Virtus to peak high and turn the Supreme Leader, you, into a God. This will stop any unnecessary loss of life among the Populace. However be warned that the Fanatics will eventually tend to stamp out anybody that doesn't share their level of zeal. And their zeal will go further and further with each Glorification Level. Opting for a Fanatical Autocracy is a dangerous gamble of the dice.

Exit Paths



Yes well you might technically be God-Emperor in this system, but... your Fanatics know what you want better than you do... the only way out is basically: Revolution. Either by the Apparatchiks or the People.

New Recruit Proposed by Faction

Favors high Fanatic Level Faction to ask for recruits, as they manage to stifle any requests for moderates by subtle and less subtle inter-Faction power games.

Fanatic Factions stamp out bad Leader Feats

Fanatics want complete dedication to the Supreme Leader, not dedicating to personal goals of the Leader. So the Fanatical Faction tries to remove the Tyrant/Sadist/Oligarch Leader Feats within their ranks. More chance to stamp out when high faction fanaticism level.

Fanatics are loyal

Any Leader within a Fanatical Faction gets a loyalty increase +2 per Fanatical Level per Round.

Also they'll have a tendency to get a higher Autocracy and Enforcement profile, especially if Value Type is Honor.

Fanatic Faction Governor

Leaders from Fanatical Factions cannot stand lack of loyalty among the Populace.

If one of the following conditions is true:

- Fanatical Level 1 : If Populace Loyalty < $60 + 1d10$
- Fanatical Level 2 : If Populace Loyalty < $70 + 1d10$
- Fanatical Level 3 : If Populace Loyalty < $80 + 1d10$
- Fanatical Level 4 : If Populace Loyalty < $90 + 1d10$

Then a Loyalty Operation will be launched by the Governor, which will kill the least loyal to bring the average up again (1% of workers, 0.5% of population per Fanatical Level), will increase loyalty with +2d10, will increase fear with +2d10 and will increase unrest with +2d10

Fanatic Faction Commander

Leaders from Fanatical Factions cannot stand low morale among their troops, nor can they abide by retreating from combat due to casualties. The following rules will be in place for them:

- Orderly retreat threshold goes to minimum 60, 70, 80, 90 % for the respective Fanatical Faction Levels.
- Base morale and Base Stable High Morale go up with: +10, +20, +30, +40 for the respective Fanatical Faction Levels.
- SHQ Leaders can execute their subordinate OHQ Leaders (just like Director) if they are less Fanatical than them.

Fanatic Faction Advisor

Leaders from Fanatical Factions in the role of Advisor or Advised can kill each other if the other one is less Fanatical than them.

Fanatic Faction Director

Leaders from Fanatical Factions cannot stand other Leaders not being at peak Fanatical Level. Any other Leader in the realm with lower Fanatical Faction Level can become the target of a Fanatical Director... Will focus on Leaders without Fanatical Level first, if none found goes after level 1 level, etc..

- Director has Fanatical Level 1 : Lower Fan level and either Mer+/Dem+ will give a 10% chance of an assassination attempt.
- Director has Fanatical Level 2 : Just a lower Fan Level will give a 15% chance of an assassination attempt.
- Director has Fanatical Level 3 : Just a lower Fan Level will give a 20% chance of an assassination attempt.
- Director has Fanatical Level 4 : Just a lower Fan Level will give a 25% chance of an assassination attempt.

This chance is increased for Dynastic Faction members being targeted. Loyalty to a Dynasty is not loyalty to the Supreme Leader after all. This chance is much increased for targets with Meritocracy or Democracy Profile. They would be considered moral enemies. The chance is decreased if the target has a Fanatical Level only 1 step lower than the Leader considering action.

Every Director will only study one random Leader every turn.

The Director will use his Council's security guards to help his assassination attempt. Giving him/her an advantage. But the targeted Leader can protect him/herself somewhat and increase difficulty for the Director to succeed by his/her Personal Combat Skill Roll. The Director can increase his roll with the Covert Ops Skill Roll and a higher delta of Fanatical Level.

Former Fanatics get a Vote Block

After a Revolution the former Fanatics might be seen in a bad light. In non-Autocratic Political Systems the vote of the former Fanatics is less until enough time has passed. They will get a Vote Block for at least 20 rounds. This Vote Block gets reset on a further system change.

Fanatic Commanders

In a sense the Commanders are the most dangerous as they control the iron fist of violence. They can use their troops to harass or eliminate other Commanders that are not fanatic enough. Also the Governor of the Zone they are present in might become a target for a zealous fanatical Commander. These type of Commanders might even act on their own initiative and start provoking neighbouring Regimes into war.

6.3.7. LAWS

Laws are very much like Regime Feats as they'll give you a specific bonus. But instead of receiving them due to reaching a certain Profile Score or playing a Political Stratagem you'll get them through a Vote in your Political Body (Parliament, Senate or Politburo). They cost upkeep in BP, Credits or PP as well, but they can be retracted as well as enacted.

In the Democracy Political System Family you'll strongly need a majority in your Parliament to pass a Law, in the Autocracy Political System Family it will be relatively easy to pass a Law by Veto.

Laws can be put to the vote either by your Political Body or on the initiative of the Supreme Leader (you) by calling for a Vote yourself. Note that either method can be a Vote to Enact (put a new Law in place) or to Retract (to get rid of an enacted Law).

Law Vote Pace and Maximum Laws

Depending on the Political System there are big differences. Base Maximum is: $4 + \text{RoundUp}(\text{Administration Level}/2)$ further increased by +1 if Virtus is lower than 80, +2 if lower than 70, +3 if lower than 60, etc... Base Pace is every 5 Rounds, but if $\text{Virtus} < 70$ then Base Pace is every 4 Rounds, If $\text{Virtus} < 50$ then Base Pace is every 3 Rounds, If $\text{Virtus} < 30$ then Base Pace is every 2 Rounds. Base Pace is further increased after you have half the maximum Laws enacted.

POLITICAL BODY	LAW PACE (EVERY X ROUNDS)	MAXIMUM LAWS ENACTED
Parliament	Base Pace	Base Maximum
Senate	Base Pace * 2	Base Maximum / 2
Politburo	Base Pace * 4	Base Maximum / 4

Political Body selects Law Vote

Once the Law Pace allows a Vote and the number of Enacted Laws is still lower than Maximum Laws the Political Body will call a Vote on a Law that has relatively broad support among the Factions in the Political Body. There is some randomness introduced here to simulate mistakes, clever play by one Faction or another, alliances and temporary fads or obsessions. The Faction that takes the initiative is determined by taking the Vote percentages into account. It is possible for a Minority Faction to propose the Vote and propose something that has no majority at all.

Once the number of Enacted Laws is higher than the Maximum Laws the Political Body will call a Vote to Retract a Law, probably one it likes least.

If the number of Enacted Laws is equal to the Maximum Laws already the Political Body might call a Vote to Retract a certain Law in order to Enact another.

Once a certain Law has been voted upon there will be a cooldown timer for it to be selected again.

Supreme Leader calls for a Vote

Note that you don't have to passively wait for your Political Body to call a Vote on a certain Law. You yourself can go to Law Overviews > Select a Law and find the "Call a Vote" action in the detailed Law Popup. You can either Call for enacting a Law or for retracting a Law. The Vote will have to be prepared though and will take place early next round.

Faction Law Support Score

If the Faction Law Support Score is positive it means it likes a certain Law, if it is negative it dislikes a certain Law.

The calculations for if a Faction supports a certain Law are rather complicated. But there are three main determinants for the Support Score.

First of all the Profile match is very important and will give a score between -100 and +100

- So a Social Law with Faction Profile gov++, mind+ will get 50.
- So a Social Law with Faction Profile gov+++, mind+++ will get 100.
- So a Social Law with Faction Profile gov-, mind- will get -33.

Second, the Voterblock match gives a score between -100 and +100

- Each Law has a positive or negative support from the different Voter Blocks.
- With Populism < 50 this effect will tend to 0
- With Populism > 50 will tend to -100 or +100 as pleasing the Voter Blocks is very important to the Faction.
- This Populism modifier itself is modified for the vote percentage of the VB itself (so bigger blocks of Voters have larger sway in the Faction's voting calculations).

- Populists still take Voterblocks that cannot vote in to account somewhat
- Democratic Factions do so even more
- Autocratic Factions do so less
- Voter Block size of Traders is part of the Population (Pop * Commerce/20)
- Voter Block size of Apparatchiks is part of the Workers (Worker * Apparatchik/100)

Third, the Virtus match will give score between -100 and +100

- If a Virtus condition for the Law is necessary the difference is multiplied by 2. So for example a law that needs Virtus<70 but Virtus = 50 will give +40 points here. So for example a law that needs Virtus<50 but Virtus = 90 will give -80 points here.
- If Virtus > Maximum Virtus for the Law you'll get an extra -50 as well

The final score is the above three added up and divided by 3.

Law Vote

Once a Vote is called you can still try to influence it. If you influence, it costs you PP, but it will result in modifying the Faction Law Support Scores towards your position during the Vote. Also by clearly showing your colours it will give the relevant Regime Profile a boost or bump. In general the more you meddle the more your Word Score will suffer as well, as you are putting pressure on people, making you sort of a bad guy. Your options are:

CHOICE	PP COST	PROFILE BOOST/ BUMP	WORD SCORE
Forbid Enact	80*	-15	-9%**
Influence Strongly against Enact	40*	-10	-6%**
Influence against Enact	20*	-5	-3%**
Sit back and watch	0	+5	0
Influence in favor of Enact	20*	+10	-3%**
Influence strongly in favor of Enact	40*	+15	-6%**
Forbid not Enacting	70*	+20	-9%**

* = PP Cost is halved with Senate and only 25% with Politburo
 ** Word cost is halved with Senate and only 25% with Politburo

The options are similar with a Vote to Retract a Law.

Social Laws

These Laws cost BP in upkeep and are in phase with either Mind or Government Profiles. Here is an overview:

LAW ID	PROFILE	VIRTUS	LAW NAME	COST	EFFECT	EFFECT	VOTER BLOCKS
101	MIND	Any	Compulsory Education Law	BP	QoI_education +50%	New Leader academic skills (admin, trade, medical, science)	Pop+ Worker+
102	GOV	Any	Universal Medical Care Law	BP	QoI_health +50%	Fertility +30%	Pop+ Worker+
103	GOV	Any	Social Assistance Law	BP	Unrest -2 per turn	Pop.Hap +1	Pop+
104	MIND	Any	Private Economy Stimulation Law	BP	Your Private Investment gets +100% increase from Traders	Pop.Hap +1	Pop+ Worker- Apparatchik- Traders-
105	GOV	Any	Worker Wellbeing Law	BP	Worker Hap +1 per turn	Worker Productivity +10%	Worker+
106	MIND	Any	Human Rights Law	BP	Soldiers morale -1 per turn	Increased Free Folk settling +40%	Apparatchik+ Soldiers-
107	GOV	Any	Progressive Tax Law	BP	Pop Hap -1 per turn	Income Tax for Population (not Workers) real rate *1.33	Pop- Worker+ Traders-
118	GOV	<80	Wealth Tax	BP	Any Leaders with Wealth -1 Rel per turn	Wealth taxed at 3%	Leaders- Traders- Pop+ Worker+
108	MIND	<75	Clean Elections Law	BP	Governor + Commander no longer influences votes	Leaders with Dem Relation +1 per turn	Pop+ Soldiers+ Apparatchik-
109	MIND	<70	Parliamentary Nominations Primacy Law	BP	It becomes really expensive to ignore the Nominations with most political support from the political body	Leaders with Dem Relation +1 per turn	Apparatchik+
110	GOV	<65	(Workers + Soldiers) Governmental Minimum Wage Law	BP	Minimum worker wage is 2 * average private wages. But max 30 mCr.	Worker Hap+1 Sol.Mor+1	Pop- Worker+ Soldiers+

LAW ID	PROFILE	VIRTUS	LAW NAME	COST	EFFECT	EFFECT	VOTER BLOCKS
119	GOV	<60	Super Wealth Tax	BP	Leaders with the 20% most Wealth get -2 rel per turn	Their Wealth is taxed (an extra) 3% 33% of the SSF Upkeep Cost.	Leaders- Pop+ Worker+
111	MIND	<55	Impeachment Vote Law	BP	The Political Body could propose to impeach a Leader from his job. You can do nothing about it.		Pop+ Apparatchik+
112	GOV	<50	Science Imperative Law	BP	Problems if not 50% of the national budget in science.	Leaders with Mind Relation +1 per turn	Worker+
113	MIND	<45	Anti-Drafting Law	BP	Reduces recruits by factor 3 or more	Pop.Hap+1 Worker.Hap+1	Pop+ Worker+ Soldiers-
114	MIND	<40	Peace Law	BP	Make going to War give much more fallout as the law is not in favour (rel seen as (real rel+100)/2)	Sol.Base Morale -10	Soldiers- Worker+ Pop+ Traders+
115	MIND	<35	Protection from Militarization Law	BP	Maximum 8% of soldiers/militia. If too high recruitment is stopped. Above 4% it is 66% above 6% it is 33%.	Sol.Base Morale -10	Soldiers- Worker+ Pop+ Traders+
116	GOV	<30	International Aid Law	BP	A promise to NGOs to help them help poorer nations on our shared world.	Worker.Hap-1	Workers- Traders+ Apparatchik+ (in ngo role)
117	GOV	<25	Limited Power Laws	BP	You lose half your remaining pp	Pop.Hap+1	Apparatchik+ Pop+

Tough Laws

These Laws cost PP in upkeep and are in phase with either Fist or Enforcement Profiles. Here is an overview:

LAW ID	PROFILE	VIRTUS	LAW NAME	COST	EFFECT	EFFECT	VOTER BLOCKS
201	FIST	Any	Compulsory Military Service Law	PP	Doubles recruiting per turn maximum *	Soldier Base Morale -10 Pop.Hap-1 Worker.Hap-1	Soldiers+ Pop- Worker-
202	FIST	Any	Martial Education Law	PP	Initial XP of recruits +10	Natural Reproduction Rate -10	Soldiers+ Pop- Worker-
203	ENF	Any	Military Disciplinary Law	PP	33% Retreat Result turns into Pin Result during combat	-1 Soldier Morale per turn	Soldiers- Apparatchik+ Pop+
204	ENF	Any	Poor Quarter Patrolling Law	PP	QoI_security +50%	Pop.Hap+1	Pop+
205	ENF	Any	Private Surveillance Law	PP	QoI_security +50%	Worker.Hap+1	Worker+
206	FIST	Any	Patriot Law	PP	Casualty Tolerance Doubled	Pop.Hap-1	Worker+ Pop- Traders-
207	FIST	Any	Worker Frontline Service Law	PP	Casualty Tolerance Doubled	Worker.Hap-1	Worker- Pop+
208	ENF	<75	Curfew Laws	PP	QoI_security +50%	Fear +1 Pop.Hap-1	Worker+ Pop-
209	ENF	<70	Production Quotas Law	PP	Public Production +10%	Worker.Hap -1	Pop+ Apparatchik+
210	FIST	<65	Relocation Law	PP	Colonist recruitment thrice as easy	Fear +1 Pop.Hap-1	Pop- Worker+
211	ENF	<60	Extended Detention Law	PP	QoI_security +50%	Fear +1 Pop.Hap-1	Soldiers+ Worker+
212	FIST	<55	Home Front Tax Law	PP	Service Tax is doubled	Fear +1 Pop.Hap-1	Pop- Worker+
213	FIST	<50	Universal Military Law	PP	Soldiers 3x more effective when fighting Unrest	Fear +1 Pop.Hap-1	Soldiers+ Worker+ Pop-
214	ENF	<45	Forced Labour Law	PP	Worker recruitment twice as easy. Workers leaving because unsatisfied /3.	Fear +1 Worker.Hap -1	Worker- Pop+ Apparatchik+
215	FIST	<40	Total War Law	PP	0.5% of Population is automatically recruited every turn.	Fear +1 Pop.Hap-1	Soldiers+ Workers+
216	ENF	<35	Home Surveillance Law	PP	QoI_security +50% Improved counter-espionage +100%.	Fear +1 Worker.Hap -1	Worker- Soldiers+
217	ENF	<30	Citizen Tracking Law	PP	QoI_security +50% Improved counter-espionage +100%.	Fear +1 Pop.Hap-1 Worker.Hap-1	Apparatchik+ Soldiers+

Freedom Laws

These Laws cost Credits in upkeep and are in phase with either Heart or Commerce Profiles. Here is an overview:

LAW ID	PROFILE	VIRTUS	LAW NAME	COST	EFFECT	EFFECT	VOTER BLOCKS
301	HEART	Any	Festivities Law	Crd	Pop Hap+1 p/t Work Hap+1 p/t		Pop+ Worker+
302	COMM	Any	Decentralization Law	Crd	Private Economy +25% Nationalization cost doubled		Pop+ Worker -
303	HEART	Any	Workhouse Law	Crd	Pop Hap+1 p/t		Pop+
304	COMM	Any	Private Property Law	Crd	Private Economy +25% Nationalization cost doubled		Pop+ Traders+
305	HEART	Any	Public Brotherhood Law	Crd	Work Hap+1 p/t		Worker+
306	HEART	Any	Sacrifice Compensation Law	Crd	Base Morale +10		Soldiers+
307	COMM	Any	Free Trade Law	Crd	No Tariffs allowed. (close turn disables)	Local Traders get more investment from those surrounding them.	Traders+
08	COMM	Any	Public-Private Partnerships Law	Crd	Private Economy +25% Public Economy -10%		Apparatchik+
309	COMM	<75	Joint Vidcom Funding Law	Crd	QoI_entertainment +50%		Pop'+ Worker+
310	HEART	<70	Front Aid Law	Crd	Pop Hap-1 p/t Base Morale +10		Soldiers+ Pop-
311	HEART	<65	Large Family Law	Crd	Reproduction Rate +50%		Pop+
312	HEART	<60	Legion of Honour Law	Crd	Highest 50% Seniority Leaders receive "Medal of Merit". One per round. (Char Feat 522)		Pop+ Worker- Apparatchik+
313	COMM	<55	Small Government Law	Crd	Private Economy +25% Public Economy -15%		Pop+ Worker -

LAW ID	PROFILE	VIRTUS	LAW NAME	COST	EFFECT	EFFECT	VOTER BLOCKS
314	HEART	<50	Private Transfer Hub Law	Crd	Local Traders scrap 10% of Private Debt per turn Local Traders get more investment from those surrounding them.		Traders+
315	COMM	<45	Public Anti-Competition Law	Crd	Public Economy -20%	Worker. Hap+2	Worker+
316	HEART	<40	Order of the Heroes Law	Crd	More People's Heroes get recognized (unit Feat 302) 2-6% chance per round per unit. more chances if higher XP. Max 1 per unit.	Sol. Morale+1/t	Soldiers+
317	COMM	<35	Zero Tax Law	Crd	Private Economy +25%	No Income/Sales Tax allowed (close turn disables)	Pop+ Worker-
318	COMM	<30	Anarcho-Capitalist Law	Crd	Private Economy +25%	Public Economy -25%	Pop+ Traders+ Worker-

Militia Laws

These Laws have diverse upkeep and are in phase with the Militia Profile. Here is an overview:

LAW ID	LAW NAME	COST	EFFECT	EFFECT	VOTER BLOCKS
401	Militia Tech Share Law	DOUBLE PP	Militia has earlier (-15 rounds) access to same Models as regular army	Militia base morale +10 Militancy +2	Militia+ Soldiers- Worker-
402	Militia Benefits Law	DOUBLE BP	Militia maximum + recruitment DOUBLED	Militia base morale +10 Militancy +2	Militia+ Soldiers- App- Trader-
403	Regular Forces Limitations Law	DOUBLE PP	Regular recruiting gets more difficult (/3). Militia max + recruit DOUBLED Halves the Militancy reducing effect of a high Civilization Score	Militia base morale +10 Militancy +2	Militia+ Soldiers- Pop+
404	Militia Funding Law	DOUBLE CRD	Allows Militia to use surrogate OHQ command structures that are embedded within their own Units Halves the Militancy reducing effect of a high Civilization Score	Militia base morale +10 Militancy +2	Militia+ Soldiers- Workers+

Constitutional Laws

These Laws can block or force certain Decisions concerning Voting Rights. They do not cost any Upkeep.

LAW ID	LAW NAME	PROFILE	EFFECT
901	Democratic Constitution	DEM GOV	This Constitutional Law ensures that the Political Body cannot just decide on a whim to abolish Democracy. This Law would need to be retracted first.

Virtus Condition for the Law is fuzzy

If Virtus is higher than the specified Virtus the Law could still come around for voting. Its just much less likely. For such Laws any Faction Voting Intent is modified with -50 and modified with - (the difference between current Virtus & law Virtus Limit * 2).

PP Costing Laws' Upkeep

It's a nested 10% per PP Law. But at a minimum of 1PP per Law. With "nested" we mean that the first Law takes 10% of PP, then the second one takes 10% of the remainder.

BP Costing Laws' Upkeep

It's a nested 7% of your BP. But at a minimum of $(\text{Populace}/4000) * (\text{Admin Level}^2)/20$ BP per Law. Which is further reduced in a logarithmic fashion above outcome after 100 BP. So at Admin Level 3 with 40K Populace you'll have a minimum cost of 5 BP, but at Admin Level 7 with 200K Populace you will have a minimum BP Cost of maybe 70 BP per Law.

Credits Costing Laws' Upkeep

PP & BP are quite straightforward, but actual Credits needed for Upkeep is an accountants nightmare to calculate and is based either on Credits gain or on Treasury surplus, but can be partly (!) capped by worker and population total salaries. In the end expect a cost that sort of takes everything in account. Note that design-wise the calculations are a bit complicated (and vague) here to avoid any exploits. It has the nice side effect that it mirrors budgeting the cost of reality a little bit.

Nominal Laws

If You have less funding (in either PP, BP or Credits) than Law Upkeep needed there is a chance a Law will become Nominal by the end of your

Turn. Nominal Laws remain enacted while you play your turn, but will go Nominal after you press end turn. When Nominal they will not be enforced and are basically “ghost” Laws that most people will ignore. If enough funding is available then Nominal Laws can switch back to normal status by the end of your Turn as well.

6.3.8. ELECTIONS

In a Senate only the Leaders vote, in a Politburo only the Cabinet members. Most will vote for their own Faction. It is straightforward and relatively easy to predict.

But when you have a Parliament and the masses can vote then elections become more interesting.

The People base their vote on different things, but a really important consideration for them is the Law Voting track record of the Factions. If the Factions have a good Voter Block value for their specific Voter Block, they’ll be more likely to vote for it.

A Faction with high Populism can capitalize more on having good Voter Block scores. High Virtus however severely decreases the effect of Populism. So Populism is really only a boon during lower Virtus times.

Bad government results make Voter Block support for the Minority Factions go up (bad results demand an alternative right?) Good government results make Vote Block support for the Majority Factions go up (good results means they need to stay in power).

High Virtus (>70) works to the advantage of Voterblock support for any Majority Faction (Voters are more loyal). Majority Voterblock support in general is less modified by Populism (and more modified by Virtus in its place).

Low Virtus (<80) works to the advantage of Voterblock support for any Minority Faction (Voters always want change). Minority Voterblock support is more modified by Populism (and less modified by Virtus).

During Low Virtus voting Factions that would like to change the Political System away from Democracy will gather more traction as well.

Note also that the Governor can influence the Population Vote towards his choice through an Oratory Skill Roll. For Workers it is an Administration

Skill Roll. Commanders can do the same for the vote of their soldiers through a Leadership Skill Roll.

The Populace also has its Vote influenced by the Asset Types in their Zones and any Sects that might be active in the Zone and have believers among them.

With *Republica* the Populace and Soldiers also have their Vote influenced by the “Mood of the Nation” (the Regime Profile).

Foreign meddling or playing of Stratagems could be another source of influencing the Vote.

Make sure to read the Election Reports on the Round of the Elections for in-depth feedback.

6.3.8.1. INTERNAL ELECTIONS

Factions have their own Internal Elections to decide who will be their Faction Leader. Multiple things play a role here and what plays a role can differ based on the type of Faction.

In the Democracy Political System Family the Seniority Ranking plays a big role, but only if Virtus is high. Furthermore the similarity of the Leader’s Profile with the Faction’s Profile plays a big role, but only if Virtus is getting lower.

In an Oligarchy note that there is much less care about matching Leader Profile with Faction Profile.

In a Syndic Democracy Political System it becomes important again, especially if the Leader is a member of the Syndic Faction.

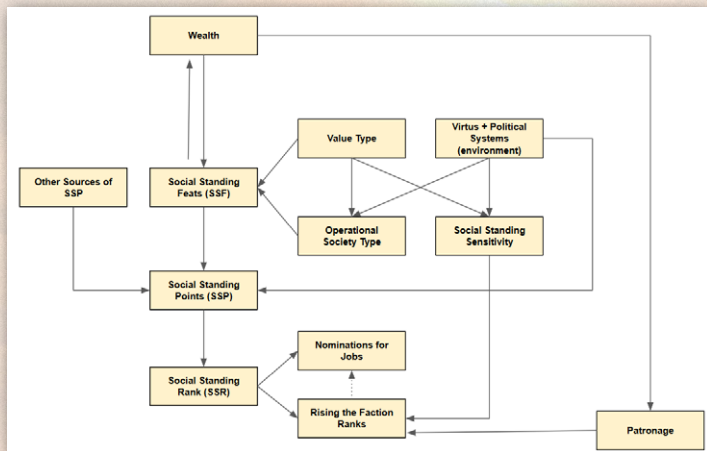
Suitability as an Advisor is somewhat important as well, but much more so for a healthy Meritocracy and till some extent an Aristocracy than for the others. Especially Oligarchs wouldn’t care much.

The Oligarchs do care about Social Standing though. It plays a major role during internal Faction votes in the Oligarchy Political System. However each vote is affected only up to the level of the Social Standing Sensitivity (SSS) of the Leader.

Patronage can help a Leader climb the ranks inside his/her Faction and will provide more chances to become the Faction Leader. Patronage Credits work best during Low Virtus times and high Oligarchy Score times.

6.3.9. SOCIAL STANDING AND OTHER NEW LEADER STATS

With the *Republica* DLC active in your game the Leaders will have much more depth than before. A Leader has 2 new core personality stats: Value Type and Operational Society Type. Together these two determine which kind of Social Standing Feats (SSF) the Leader is likely to purchase with his/her Wealth. Wealth is measured in Credits and can come from various sources. The Wealth can be used also for other purposes as luxury Consumption or Patronage. In any case any SSF will give the leader Social Standing Points (SSP) that will result in a Social Standing Rank (SSR). This SSR will help the Leader rise in importance within his/her Faction as well as increasing chances to be nominated for new Jobs (as opposed to Seniority Rank before).



6.3.9.1. VALUE TYPE

The interior Personality Type. This Stat determines what kind of moral values or goals or drives the Leader in question has. It is represented as a value going from 0 (complete prospector) to 100 (complete pioneer). In the middle the Leader would be of the settler type.

A Prospector is driven by the esteem of others. Fashion and fitting in is very important for the Prospector. Prospectors often have higher Ambition, higher Egoism, lower Heroism and higher Charisma.

A Settler is driven by the needs and security of his inner circle and/or family. The Settler values stability. Settlers often have lower Ambition, lower Emotion, lower Egoism and higher Strength.

A Pioneer is driven by internal fulfillment (more introvert) or improving the collective destiny of all (more extrovert). Pioneers often have higher Heroism, higher Wit and higher Willpower as well as higher Capacity Levels.

Designer Note:

Yes, there appears to be a correlation between this personality type and being exceptional. Maybe the more you know, the less you care about what other people think of you? We'll have to ask holographic Freud more on this topic someday.

6.3.9.2. OPERATIONAL SOCIETY TYPE

The exterior Personality Type. This Stat determines how the Leader thinks he is supposed to operate within the current Society and Political System. It is represented as a value going from 0 (complete cronyism) to 100 (complete honor). In the middle the Leader would be of the competition type.

Cronyism means that the Leader is convinced it is "every man for himself and God for us all." They feel like having morals would give you a disadvantage and make you a laughing stock. Fist, Autocracy and Government Profiles (of Leader, Faction and Regime) push towards Cronyism. Low Virtus (<70) also pushes towards Cronyism. Being an Oligarch, Tyrant or Sadist pushes heavily towards Cronyism, unless the Leader has high Heroism.

Competition means the Leader is convinced there is a relatively fair playing ground out there and the most capable, hardworking and clever guy or gal will end up on top eventually. The Leader is willing to play this game. Commerce, Democracy and Mind Profiles (of Leader, Faction and Regime) push towards Competition. High Virtus (>70) in the Democracy Political System Family pushes towards Competition.

Honor means the Leader is convinced there is a larger goal to be served than one's fortune. This goal might be limited to the Leader's family or could

be much larger. It also means morals and lawfulness are important. Heart, Meritocracy and Enforcement Profiles (of Leader, Faction and Regime) push towards Honor. High Virtus (>70) in the Meritocracy and Autocracy Political System Family pushes towards Honor, unless the Oligarchy Score or Tyrant Score is significant. Fanatical and Feudal Leaders that are of the Value Type Prospector have a very strong bias towards Honor, those with Settler still have bias, those with Prospector have none. For once Prospectors tend towards Honor, as it is the fashionable thing to do.

6.3.9.3. SOCIAL STANDING FEATS

Based on the Value Type and the Operational Society Type, a Leader will have a preference for buying a certain type of Social Standing Feats.

OPERATIONAL SOCIETY TYPE	VALUE TYPE PROSPECTOR	VALUE TYPE SETTLER	VALUE TYPE PIONEER
Cronyism	Luxury SSF	Graft SSF	Shady SSF
Competition	Philantism SSF	Business SSF	Political SSF
Honor	Monumental SSF	Compound SSF	Ideological SSF

Each category of SSF has its own advantages and/or disadvantages.

SSF TYPE	ASSETS	DIRECT EFFECTS	SOCIAL STANDING POINTS	DECISION EVENTS
Luxury	None		High SSP with Low Virtus-High Oligarchy	When high Virtus there can be outrage at decadence with subjects. Tidy these nasty SSF up.
Graft**	Public	Decreased Asset Production $-20\% - (\text{oligarchyScore}/4) - (50 - \text{virtus})/2$, min -20, max -75 Revenue for Leader market price of goods less produced / 2 (because he causes inefficiency in process)*	Med SSP with Low Virtus-High Oligarchy	When high Virtus the Workers might protest and claim removal of the SSF.
Shady	None	Sends rebel manpower to the rebel reserve in Zone. Also increases Zone's Shady Points that will help precipitate revolutions. (ZONEKEY. shadyPoints modifies OPL, MCP, BDL,PDL and PCS, but it multiplies it, it doesn't create revolutionary potential out of nothing)	No SSP	After a revolution the Leaders with most Shady Assets get "Hero of the Revolution" Medal SSF that increases their Social Standing a lot.

SSF TYPE	ASSETS	DIRECT EFFECTS	SOCIAL STANDING POINTS	DECISION EVENTS
Philanthrism	Private	Increased Pop Happiness with value of (+virtus/20) relative to asset workforce of zone pop	Med SSP with High Virtus-Democracy (heart mod)	If Zone has low Happiness and at least some Unrest then the Population might want this Leader as Governor
Business**	Private	Increase Asset Production +commerce/2 +(virtus-50)/2 Revenue for Leader Half the production increase% of market price of all goods (the asset gets its boost /2) (good management is expensive) *	Med SSP with High Virtus-Meritocracy (commerce mod)	Population going on strike can cause Business SSF to disappear and can cause unrest, very serious unrest even. Can only trigger if you have a low <30 Commerce Profile.
Political	Private & Public	Leader's Profiles are used in elections for this Asset	Low SSP (mind mod)	Can trigger the round before elections in a (spoiled) democracy. During elections this can give his faction support points
Monumental	Public	Incr Loyalty if regime's high virtus >50, (+5 at virtus 100) but relative to workforce	High SSP with High Virtus (gov mod)	LOW VIRTUS Vandalism of statue and its destruction and what it stands for (loyalty/high virtus/honor)
Compound	Private***		Med SSP with High Virtus	
Ideological	Public	Incr Virtus with society type honor value type of Leader (/100) but relative with workforce	High SSP with High Virtus (enforcement mod)	LOW VIRTUS Special national rally around , moment to regain more Virtus and/or Word

*=IP is calculated as avg price of Food + Metal, plus (100 * worker salary), max 3*monetaryConstant
 =Ammo is calculated as avg price of IP+Metal / 25, max 1 monetaryConstant,
 *=Energy is calculated as average of Metal + Oil + (2*Food), max 5*monetaryConstant.
 **= Graft + Business only attach to Assets that produce (Private) Items or Private Credits.
 **= Graft + Business sell to Traders, but increases the amount of money in circulation instead of taking from Traders Treasury (imagine some shares switching hand and IOUs entering in circulation)
 ***=Obtaining this SSF creates the Compound Zone Asset, with the others the SSF attaches to an existing Zone Asset.

Asset SSF

Most of the SSF get attached to a Zone Asset. The Luxury and Shady SSF are the notable exceptions as they are more intangible. Compounds can have many extensions, see the Compound section lower below, but they are based around an actual Compound Zone Asset.

Buying SSF

Base price is about 500 Credits for buying an SSF. However prices can fluctuate depending on what is being bought, producing Assets can be more expensive if the Item they produce is trading at high prices. Also Asset Levels act as multipliers for the price.

SSF Upkeep

The more SSFs a Leader has, the more Upkeep he will pay every turn. This is about in the order of 10 Credits per round per Asset Level. If not enough Credits to do that he/she will be forced to sell. Selling returns only 50% of the market price and the game assumes it is sold to a private non-visible actor, the SSF will disappear from the game as it will become a regular run thing again.

Selling SSF

Returns the Leader 50% of the market value in Credits. This should fix any cashflow problems for quite some time.

Removal of SSF

If the Leader is lost or the Asset the SSF is attached to is lost then the SSF will disappear as well.

Compound SSF

This is a truly special SSF. It can be bought and will cause the construction of a new Zone Asset. Once built it is just that. A nice private Compound. But when you enter the Aristocracy Political System extensions can be bought for it. Many such extensions exist, many improving the Household Militia (see Aristocracy section), but also many improving the Private Economy of the Fief Zones of the Dynasty that holds the Compound. Note also that Feudal Dynasties will pool their Credits to their Primus Inter Pares who will use these pooled funds to extend his Compound, effects of extensions to be shared by all Dynastic Faction members.

6.3.9.4. PERSONAL WEALTH

To buy the SSFs discussed above the Leader will need Credits. With *Republica* DLC the private Wealth of each Leader is accounted for.

Sources of Wealth include:

- Salary payments
- Gifts (through stratagems)
- SSF income (some of the SSF provide revenue)
- Corruption
- Side hustles (doing on-off jobs for the private/trader/free folk actors; not shown to player; abstracted)

And this Wealth can be used to:

- Buy SSFs
- Pay SSFs Upkeep
- Do Patronage
- Consume (luxuriously)
- Keep savings

The consumption depends on the Leader's Value Type (Prospector consumes most) and Extrovert Stat.

Patronage expenditure depends on the Leader's Ambition Stat. But Oligarchs and Tyrants are much more likely to allocate Credits here. The Leader of a Dynastic Faction does not need any allocation here.

Savings are higher if the Leader's Extrovert Stat is lower.

Note that some Laws can tax the Personal Wealth of your Leaders!

6.3.9.5. SOCIAL STANDING SENSITIVITY

Every Leader has a measure of Social Standing Sensitivity (SSS). SSS has a value between 0-100. A value of 10 is really low and of 90 really high. Ambition and Egoism help to get a high SSS, while Wit, Willpower and Capacity Level help keep it low. Leaders of Value Type Prospector are more likely to get high SSS, while those with Pioneer are less likely. It's a complicated formula. But in the end the SSS gets higher if the nation has a high Oligarchy Score and/or Low Virtus. The SSS determines how impressed the Leader is by the Social Standing Ranking of another Leader, how eager he/she is to get her/his own SSR up. It also determines how likely it is that a Leader becomes an Oligarch.

6.3.9.6. SOCIAL STANDING POINTS AND RANK

For Leaders with high Social Standing Sensitivity (SSS) obtaining a higher rank is a goal in itself. It provides extra perks though during the Leader's Internal Faction Elections. Here a high rank can gain the Leader support from other Faction members. Climbing the ladder within one's Faction is important for many Leaders. Furthermore under low Virtus it starts to play a big role with Nominations for Jobs.

The Social Standing Points (SSP) determine the Social Standing Rank (SSR). The Leader with most SSP has SSR Rank #100 and the one with least has rank #0. The guy/gal with as many Leaders above as below him will have rank #50.

Social Standing Points (SSP) are earned by owning Social Standing Feats (SSF). But there are also other sources of SSP income. And this depends on the Political System you are in.

Other Sources of SSP

There are 5 different sources of SSP.

But the Leader will only get extra SSP from the Highest Ranking amongst them.

These 5 are:

- SEN. Seniority Ranking.
- FAC. Internal Faction Ranking. Absolute # of internal votes of support in their own Faction. Large Factions have the advantage because of this absolute vote count comparison.
- MIL. Military Success Ranking. Based on the loss / kill ratio of the Commander.
- SUIT. Suitability Ranking for current Job.
- SAL. Salary-Rank Ranking. If equal rank then: the more they get paid the better they'll score.

Each of these is then modified for the current Political System Family:

	DEM	MER	AUT
SEN	75%	Gov%	50%
FAC	100%	Mind%	Mind%
MIL	Fist%	50%	100%
SUIT	Mer%	Virtus%	75%
SAL-RANK	50%	75%	Heart%

This means that each Political Family creates its own microcosmos of what is fashionable and what gives Social Standing. A Parliament System is much focussed on the pecking order inside the Factions, while a Senate System has the tendency to equate Rank with Merit, unless good Virtus. A Politburo System loves military success.

Exact Formula

So after the 5 different Rankings are calculated and modified for the Political system. Then each of these then goes through the following formula:

$(\text{Ranking} * \text{Ranking} / 100) - 25$

If the Leader's Faction is Dynastic then +10 for each Feudal Code Level.

If Leader's Faction is Fanatical then +20 per Fanatical Faction Level

If Leader's Faction is Syndic then +10 per Computer level

And only then do we pick the Highest Ranking.

The SSP received will be $(\max(4, \text{average SSP of top 10\% Leaders} / 25)) * \text{Highest Ranking} / 100$

SSP "Entropy of Fame"

Social Standing like Seniority is not eternal. Social Standing Points have a 50% chance every round to get -4% or -1, which-ever is higher.

SSR Impact on Natural Relation Point

Leaders that have SSS > 25 will be increasingly impacted by a difference between the highest of Seniority Rank and Job Prestige compared to their Social Standing Rank. Or in other words: Leaders that care about their Social Status will want to have either the Seniority or the Job Prestige to match their Social Standing Rank, as they feel they either socially need it or deserve it. They might be misguided indeed, but such is their nature. It mostly acts as a source of frustration, though there is also a less pronounced positive effect for less Ambitious Leaders if either Job Prestige or Seniority are above SSR.

SSR Impact on PP Cost for Relieving a Leader

If the SSR, modified by SSS, > 50 then the PP cost for relieving a Leader without the promise of a better Job will go up. These Leaders are high brow and proud of their status. The same goes for their retirement, it will be more difficult to retire them.

6.3.10. POLITICAL STRATAGEM PACKS

Each Political System has its own deck of Stratagems. Every X Rounds a Major Regime will get 4 Stratagems from this deck. Note that some Stratagems are Common, while others are respectively: Uncommon, Rare, Very Rare and Legendary. The more rare the less chance you get them. There are 9 Decks with each about 22-24 Stratagems. It is possible to get Stratagems from different Decks if your Political System is close to the boundary line of crossing into another System. It is possible to have more chances to get rare Stratagems if the System Strategy Modifier is high.

6.3.10.1. POLITICAL SYSTEM LEVEL

You start at level 0.

After 4 rounds in the same Political System you will reach Level 1.

After 10 rounds in the same Political System you will reach Level 2.

After 18 rounds in the same Political System you will reach Level 3.

After 28 rounds in the same Political System you will reach Level 4.

After 40 rounds in the same Political System you will reach Level 5.

After 54 rounds in the same Political System you will reach Level 6.

Note that if you are in a Syndic Democracy your Political System Level can only exceed the Computer Level once it reaches 4. The same for if you are in an Aristocracy, here our Political System Level can only exceed the Feudal Code Level once it reaches 4. And again the same for Fanatical Autocracy, here our Political System Level can only exceed the Glorification Level once it reaches 4.

Note that if you switch Political System from healthy to corrupted (like from Democracy to Spoiled Democracy) or the other way around, and you switch back relatively quickly some Political System Levels will be restored and you won't start at 0 again.

6.3.10.2. KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DIFFERENT POLITICAL DECKS

Here are the 9 decks with their core characteristics. In reality the Stratagems given might vary as the table below shows a tendency.

DEMOCRACY Keep Virtus up! Useful Skills for Stratagems: Diplomacy Leadership Admin	SPOILED DEMOCRACY Flexibility with Private-Public and Militia-Regular Useful Skills for Stratagems: Bribery Deception Oratory Intimidate Admin	SYNDIC DEMOCRACY Robotic Tech Useful Skills for Stratagems: Science Programming Technician Admin
MERITOCRACY Human Resources Improvements Useful Skills for Stratagems: Oratory Leadership Diplomacy Admin	OLIGARCHY Covert Ops Improvements Useful Skills for Stratagems: Secr.Service Bribery Intimidate Admin	ARISTOCRACY Better Skill Rolls Useful Skills for Stratagems: Improvisation Oratory Trade Pers.Combat Sixth Sense
AUTOCRACY Recruitment Useful Skills for Stratagems: Intimidate Leadership Admin	TYRANNY Preparing for War Useful Skills for Stratagems: Intimidate Technician Admin	FANATICAL AUTOCRACY All out Warfare Useful Skills for Stratagems: Oratory Operational Command Improvisation Admin

6.3.10.3. PACK FREQUENCY

You get a new Political Stratagem Pack every X rounds. The higher the Political System Level the more often you get a Pack.

At Level 0 every 12 rounds (starting from round 2)

At Level 1 every 10 rounds

At Level 2 every 8 rounds

At Level 3 every 6 rounds

At level 4+ every 5 rounds

You are thus clearly rewarded for staying in the same Political System. This is however easier said than done.

6.3.10.4. STRATAGEM RARITY

The combination of Political System Level and System Stratagem Modifier will give you more chances to get rarer (and often more powerful) Stratagems in your Pack.

	System Stratagem Modifier = 0%	System Stratagem Modifier = 100%
Lvl 0	Com: 3 Unc: 0.85 Rare: 0.1 Very: 0.05 Leg: 0	Com: 2 Unc: 1.3 Rare: 0.5 Very: 0.15 Leg: 0.00
Lvl 4 or higher	Com: 2 Unc: 1.3 Rare: 0.5 Very: 0.15 Leg: 0.0	Com: 1.2 Unc: 1.3 Rare: 0.9 Very: 0.5 Legend: 0.1

6.3.10.5. SYSTEM STRATAGEM MODIFIER

The System Stratagem Modifiers used in the table above are the following:

Democracy	Virtus, (100=top) [abs]
Spoiled Democracy	QOL Level (only relative) [relative] qolRating
Syndic Democracy	Computer Relation (100=top), [abs]
Meritocracy	Average CAP Level of Cabinet (4.5=top), [abs]
Oligarchy	Loyalty of all Leaders with Job (100=top) [abs]
Aristocracy	Relation with Feudal Factions (100=top) [abs]
Autocracy	Low Unrest (<5 = 100 >25 = 0 modifier) [abs]
Tyranny	Large Army (15%=top) [abs]
Fanatic Autocracy	Territorial Gains last 10 rounds (10%=large)[abs]

6.3.10.6. NEIGHBOURING DECKS

Note you can get some Cards from neighbouring systems. Horizontally: If virtue is within 20 points of the healthy or corrupted system then it has up to 50% chance for Stratagems. Vertically: If your relevant Regime Profile is higher than 25 then you have a chance to get some Stratagems from

the Political System Deck above or below.. At Profile of 50 this is a 25% chance... At 75 Profile... 50%.. 50% is also the cap and maximum chance.

So for example in Democracy you can also get Stratagems for Spoiled Democracy (if Virtus is within 20 points of the switch point). And you can also get Stratagems from Meritocracy (if Meritocracy Profile is above 25).

6.3.10.7. IMPERFECTIONS

These Imperfections are especially useful to play upon if you want to stay at high Virtus but still tap into the Stratagem Deck of the “corrupted” version of your current Political System Family. There are three of these Imperfections: the Inequality Imperfection, the Technocracy Imperfection and the Violency Imperfection.

The term “Violency” is used here in its older Shakespeare-era sense, referring not to specific acts of violence but to the underlying intensity and readiness to employ force as a tool of rule.

Each Political System Family has one Imperfection Score. A Different one for each Family. If the imperfection score is high it allows you to get Stratagems from the corrupted System of the Family, including (and this is important) the Regime Feat Stratagems.

The Democracy Political System Family can have the Inequality Imperfection. It requires you to have the Commerce Profile at least at 40, but for good effect more like at 70. Furthermore you need very low taxes (or none) and a very low public worker : population ratio.

- Tax part formula is $100 - ((\text{Income Tax} + \text{Sales Tax}) * 2.5)$
- $100 * ((\text{Population} / (\text{Worker} + \text{Population}))^3)$
- Average of the 2 above

The Meritocracy Political System Family can have the Technocracy Imperfection. It requires you to have the Government Profile at least at 40, but for good effect more like at 70. Furthermore you need a high Apparatchik Score and a very high public worker : population ratio.

- Apparatchik Score * 2
- $100 * (\text{Worker} / (\text{Worker} + \text{Population}))$
- Average of the 2 above

The Autocracy Political System Family can have the Violency Imperfection. It requires you to have the Enforcement Profile at least at 40, but for good effect more like at 70. Furthermore you need serious negative morality and a high friendly casualties percentage.

- Negative Morality Score (positive score is set to 0)
- Losses compared to Populace+Soldiers
- Average of the 2 above

An Imperfection of X% results in the neighbour corrupted Political System receiving x% of the healthy Political System Weight for Stratagems generation. So for example: if you normally would have 80% Democracy Strats and 20% Spoiled, but your Inequality Score is at 40 then 32 weight would shift from Democracy to Spoiled resulting in 48% Democracy Strats and 52% Spoiled Strats.

It also allows you to get Regime Feats from the corrupted Deck when you are actually in the healthy Political System. However two rules apply here: (1) you cannot get a higher Level Regime Feat Stratagem than your current System Level and (2) you need to have at least 15 Imperfection Points to get Level 1, 30 to get level 2, 45 to get level 3, 60 to get level 4, 75 to get level 5 and 90 to get level 6. So it is possible, but not exactly easy.

The Imperfections (if score at least >30) might also give rise to occasional positive events. With high Inequality rich migrants might arrive. With high Technocracy you might get free strong research Stratagems. With high Violency you might get serious Unrest reductions.

6.3.11. POLITICAL REGIME FEATS

Each Political Stratagem Deck contains 6 Stratagems that provide a new Regime Feat. So *Republica* brings 54 nice Regime Feats to the game. To have a chance to get one of them you'll need to be somewhat lucky as their rarity is often either Uncommon or Rare, but you also need to have the prerequisite Political System Level. To get the top Political Regime Feat Stratagem you need to get to Political Level 6. These Political Regime Feats are kept track of in the Management Screen on the Politics Tab.

Most of these Political Regime Feats are rather self-explanatory, but some of them deserve special mention in the manual as they introduce a new game mechanic.

6.3.11.1. ECONOMIC FLEXIBILITY (SPOILED DEMOCRACY-LEVEL 2)

This Regime Feat allows you to De-Nationalize Public Assets to become Private Assets.

Note this is only possible if the reverse would be possible as well, so some Asset Types or Levels that do not have a Private equivalent cannot be denationalized.

6.3.11.2. MILITIA READY TO SERVE (SPOILED DEMOCRACY-LEVEL 4)

This Regime Feat allows you to turn Militia forces into Regular forces. The Militia unit will become a Regular forces Battlegroup. Note that this is only allowed when using your own culture's Militia forces.

6.3.11.3. COUNTER ESPIONAGE (OLIGARCHY-LEVEL 2)

This Regime Feat allows you to generate Counter Espionage (CE) Stratagems, just like you are generating Spy Stratagems. These CE Stratagems can only be played on friendly Zones. Once your CE Spies are in place they'll try to hunt down enemy Spies in the Zone.

6.3.11.4. PROPAGANDA APPARATUS (AUTOCRACY-LEVEL 3)

This Regime Feat will allow you to generate 9 different Propaganda Stratagems, one for each Regime Profile. Playing these Stratagems will increase the Profile in question. This allows you more agency over your Regime Profile.

6.3.11.5. CODENAME VALKYRIE (FANATICAL AUTOCRACY-LEVEL 3)

This Regime Feat will give recruit last minute Militia Units the moment a land assault on a City is taking place.

6.3.12. NOMINATIONS (UPDATED WITH REPUBLICA DLC RULES)

Without *Republica* DLC active please read: 5.8.9.6. But with *Republica* DLC active it gets a bit more intricate. How exactly are the candidates for a Nomination calculated?

Once a position for Advisor, Governor, Commander or Director has become vacant you'll be presented with a list of nominations (drawn up by your Political Body) to choose from.

This list is weighted. And you might not always find your favourite candidate on it. In this case, refusing all nominees might result in some other nominees next turn. It is also possible to Dismiss a candidate.

The selection of the candidates depends a lot on your Political System. Below are the weighting calculations for selecting nominees used by your Political Body.

CANDIDATE'S TRAIT	PARLIAMENT WEIGHT	SENATE WEIGHT	POLITBURO WEIGHT
Suitability Rating (skills)	1500 * Rating/100	2500 * Rating/100	2000 * Rating/100
Ambition	200 * Score/100	400 * Score/100	600 * Score/100
Extrovert	600 * Score/100	200 * Score/100	400 * Score/100
Leader Faction's Vote%	2500 * Vote%/100 +50% for Internal Faction Ranking	1000 * Vote%/100 +50% for Internal Faction Ranking	1750 * Vote%/100 +50% for Internal Faction Ranking
Unaligned Leader	100	300	200
Cap Level	200 * CAP	400 * CAP	300 * CAP
Social Standing Rank (SSR)	$((200 - \text{Virtus}) * 40) * \text{SSR}/100$	$((200 - \text{Virtus}) * 50) * \text{SSR}/100$	$((200 - \text{Virtus}) * 30) * \text{SSR}/100$
Seniority Rank	$500 * \text{SeniorityR} / 100$	$1000 * \text{SeniorityR} / 100$	$1500 * \text{SeniorityR} / 100$
Job Promised before	Up to +1500 if seniority <66, above >66 seniority up to +3000, above>80 seniority up to +4500... This effect tapers off to 0 after 15 rounds have passed.		
Dismisses?	For every Dismiss you ordered in the Nomination Decision the weight is divided by 5..... so 2 times dismissed results in divided by 25.		

Keep in mind, randomization also plays a big role in the selection. Every committee discussion has its own dynamic. You'll get more nominations if you have more Leaders in the Reserve Pool. Roughly a squared function.

The Syndic Computer will modify the total weight downward if the candidate is not liked by it. And will push it upward if it's happy with the Leader in question. Syndic Computer can even cause extra PP cost to be necessary to pick a Leader it does not like. Note that this effect is more pronounced with high prestige appointments and at higher Computer Levels.

When in an Aristocracy and the Nomination concerns a Governor for a Feudal Fief. The Leaders belonging to the Fiefs Dynasty will get high priority for Nominations, other candidates will actually be impossible to choose. But if it concerns a large Dynasty note that the Leaders with the highest Dynasty Ranking will get priority for Nomination.

6.3.12.1. JOB SWITCHING AND PRESTIGE DIFFERENCE

With *Republica* DLC not all Nominations might come from the Reserve Pool. Leaders in another Job might also be nominated. Added to Nomination Candidates can be those Leaders that already have a Job, but that have a Job with a Prestige that is seriously lower than the current Job under discussion. The Prestige Difference is modified for Ambition/50 and Internal Faction Rank/50. If the Prestige Difference $\geq (50 * \text{Virtus}/100)$ they can get included among the potentials.

6.3.13. JOB PRESTIGE (UPDATED WITH *REPUBLICA* DLC RULES)

With *Republica* the Job Prestige rules have more depth as described with the vanilla rules in 5.8.2.1. With *Republica* there are also Special Modifiers.

JOB	PRESTIGE	ALWAYS EXTRA FROM	SPECIAL MODIFIERS
Reserve Pool	0	+10 per Rank	none
Governor	40	+10 per Rank	-20 + (ZoneRank(0-100) *0.4)
OHQ Commander	40	+10 per Rank	-20 + (HQRank(0-100) *0.4)
Advisor	70	+10 per Rank	none
Secretary	70	+10 per Rank	none
SHQ Commander	100	+10 per Rank	-50 + HQRank(0-100)
Director	100	+10 per Rank	-50 + CouncilRank(0-100)

The Zone Rank is just based on Populace. The HQ Rank is just based on Individual Troop count. (10 Tanks == 100 Soldiers for this, modified for XP and for Hit Points). The Council Rank is just based on Budget % assigned.

Note that final “effective” Job Prestige for Natural Relation calculations is $75 - \text{Ambition} + (\text{Job Prestige} * 0.75)$.

6.3.14. FACTION LEADER

The Faction Leader is the Leader that leads the other members of the Faction. It’s partly an immersive feature of the game, but the Faction Leader really has more power than other Leaders.

6.3.14.1. INTERNAL ELECTIONS

Internal Elections are about choosing a new Faction Leader. Without *Republica* its just the most senior member that is the Faction Leader. With *Republica* there is a real internal election mechanic going on.

Only members of the Faction can vote for their Faction Leader. The Internal Elections have a chance to take place every round if a different Leader than the current Faction Leader has more support.

Note that this is unlikely to happen in Dynastic Factions that are obsessively dedicated to their *Primus Inter Pares*.

During Internal Elections many things play a role in how a Leader will vote. As a rule of thumb take into account that personal compatibility, ideological match with their Faction, social standing, seniority and patronage all play a role. A Leader cannot vote for him or herself. The current Leader gets a small political entrenchment bonus, as its harder to campaign in a closed-environment against the powers that be.

If you go to Faction Report > More Details you can click on different Leaders of the Faction to see who is the favorite of which other Leader and why.

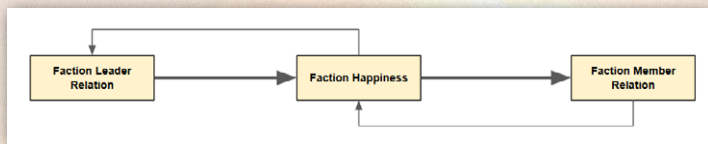
6.3.14.2. FACTION LEADER RULES

There are several Special rules:

- Like Cabinet members they are always involved in all Decisions and can get relation changes easily.
- The Faction Leader is more sensitive to his/her Faction’s Happiness, it impacts your relation with the Faction Leader more than that of regular members.

- Faction Happiness is partly determined by the prestige of the Jobs and Relations held by the members, but the Faction Leader's Job and Relation counts more heavily. (though the relative impact becomes less as the Faction has more members)
- During Nominations the Social Standing Rank of the Faction Leader is doubled for every 25% of the Vote of the Faction.
- Faction Leader can influence Faction Happiness by pessimism (lower rel than fac hap) or optimism (higher rel than fac hap). Note that the optimism events only have half the chance to occur and are less powerful.

A reminder that Faction Happiness can boost the Natural Relation Point of members if it is higher. Also it can cause direct relation boosts or drops if higher or lower.



It is a good idea to keep in mind that the Faction Leader is very exposed to relation change. But that he/she plays an important role in determining the Faction Happiness, which plays a big role in impacting your relation with all the other Faction Members.

6.3.15. RULE DIFFERENCES FOR AI REGIMES

The Major AI Regimes have a simplified version of the *Republica* rules. These rules are done in separate functions (mostly). This has been mostly necessary because the Major AI Regimes do not have the same systems as a human player to start with.

The Major AI Regimes can maneuver the different Political Systems and thus change for example from Politburo to Senate for example. However the AI Regimes will be weakened by low Virtus, and revolutions and the like. So there are opportunities to prey upon. They suffer partly the same Virtus effects. Just because it is such a core mechanic. Just to a lesser measure, this is partially based on Difficulty Level.

Their Political System can change due to Virtus decline. AI can get to play Upheaval Events if the timer is right and Virtus is low enough. It can transition to Radical Systems if Virtus is low enough. It can go into revolution if Virtus is low enough and or other conditions for specific Revolutions are right.

Theocratic Major AI Regimes are special and rare exceptions as they are stable. The Theocracy has access to more Upheaval events which will keep its Virtus up and avoid change. All the others: The Militarist, *Republican* and Elitist Major Regimes are able to go through all the Political Systems.

Attitude Tendencies

The Major AI Regimes that are (Spoiled) Democracy tend to like other Major Regimes that are (Spoiled) Democracy more. This is because democrats love the System for the System's sake. They believe it is morally superior to all other systems. And Planetary Conquest would in theory not be necessary if all nations would become democracies and sign a Victory Pact to pacify and unify the Planet.

Major AI Regimes that are Syndic tend to like other Syndics & (Spoiled Democracy) more in general. As the Computer sees little point in fighting other Computers (or nations that might soon install one), that later in time, in theory it could merge with. However the Syndics tend to be more warlike against all other Systems, as they pose a credible alternative and thus a danger to their dream of eventual Computer Hegemony.

Major Regimes that are Meritocracies tend to like other Meritocracies but they tend to dislike Oligarchies. Like Democracies, Meritocracies are proud of the System for the System's sake. However Meritocrats are more demanding than Democrats and that's why their sympathy stops very suddenly with foreign Oligarchies.

Major AI Regimes that are Oligarchies are a bit less warlike than others. The Oligarchs are mostly occupied with their own internal power and wealth and a war might just jeopardize all that.

Major AI Regimes that are Fanatical Autocracy tend to be more warlike against all other Regimes, including other Fanatical Autocracies.

Advantages

The AI gets a Virtus Recoup, this recoup gets bigger on higher difficulty levels. The AI is usually in these modified rules, but depending on difficulty again there are smaller chances it goes through periods of reduced decline or even (albeit small chance) a temporary recovery phase. These phases simulate the absence of the Political Stratagems and the intricate Virtus managing a human can do. These advantages offset the AIs disadvantages. Those mainly being that it has a feeble grasp on the long term strategic implications of Virtus, that it doesn't really have a strategy where it concerns Laws and that it doesn't receive the majority of the Stratagems from the Political Decks.

6.3.16. POLITICAL DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Note that the *Republica* DLC allows setting a separate difficulty level for Politics. This is done to allow different kinds of players to have a good time with the new systems.

The key differences between the levels are the following:

RULE	LIMITED DIFFICULTY	REGULAR DIFFICULTY	CHALLENGING DIFFICULTY	HARD DIFFICULTY
Initial Virtus	90	85	80	75
Your base Virtus Entropy decrease	None given	Reduced with -0.2	Reduced with -0.4	Reduced with -0.6
System Inertia Virtus decrease	Halved	Unmodified	+50% decrease	Doubled
Momentum Virtus increase	Doubled	Unmodified	Unmodified	Unmodified
Law Costs	Halved	Unmodified	Unmodified	Unmodified
Major AI Regimes chance for Political Regime Feat for current System Level *	5% per round	10% per round	15% per round	20% per round
Major AI Regimes chance for Political Stratagem Unit Feat	Will not get any	10-20% per round**	15%-30% per round**	20-40% per round**
Major AI Regimes Virtus Recoup	20% of lost Virtus	35% of lost Virtus	50% of lost Virtus	65% of lost Virtus

*=chance is higher for the Regime Feat for lower Levels than current Level
**=depends on System Level the AI Regime is at

6.3.17. AUXILIARY NEW RULES

There are also a number of small extras added that are not really part of any of the bigger systems discussed above. We'll discuss those auxiliary new rules here.

6.3.17.1. CONVERSION STRATAGEMS

These Stratagems mostly allow you to secure some emergency extra PP at a cost in either Word Score or Virtus Score.

The Interior Council using the Internal Policies Task can generate the following Stratagems:

- Call in Minor Favors (-10 Word => 30 PP)
- Call in Major Favors (-25 Word => 100 PP)
- Grease the Machine (-5 Virtus => 20 PP) *
- Force their Hands (-10 Virtus => 60 PP) *
- Passionate Speech (50PP => +2d4 Virtus) **
- Legendary Speech (100PP=> +3d6 Virtus) **

Note that the Stratagems with an * asterix will have diminishing returns if played too often (ideal result will be obtained 20 rounds or more after last usage). Note that the Stratagems with an ** asterix will have diminishing results for every extra time they are played.

Note that the Fate Stratagem Deck has also been extended with 4 extra negative Fate Stratagems that can convert Virtus to FP.

6.3.17.2. COMPLEMENTARY NEGATIVE LEADER PROFILES

In the Autocracy Political System Family a Leader with Autocracy++ has a chance to get Democracy- and a Leader with Autocracy+++ has a chance to get Democracy-- and Meritocracy-.

In the Meritocracy Political System Family a Leader with Meritocracy++ has a chance to get Autocracy- and a Leader with Meritocracy+++ has a chance to get Autocracy-- and Democracy-.

In the Democracy Political System Family a Leader with Democracy++ has a chance to get Meritocracy- and a Leader with Democracy+++ has a chance to get Meritocracy-- and Autocracy-.

The chance of receiving the complementary negative Profile depends on a combination of the Logical (low Emotional) Personality Stat and (Intellectual) Honesty Personality Stat (hidden Stat). On average it is about a 5% chance per round.

6.3.17.3. LIMITING POPULATION LUXURY SPENDING

This might interest you as it can become a sizable source of Virtus decline.

This is possible in 2 ways:

- Have less Credits with the Population, by higher taxes and lower worker salaries (that spend with the Population)
- Have a higher Enforcement Profile which makes them prioritize saving up for other investments than luxury.

7. ADDITIONAL DESIGNER THOUGHTS

Some thoughts are already sprinkled throughout the manual, but this chapter specifically allows for some additional reading on more “meta” topics around Shadow Empire.

7.1. THOUGHTS ON USAGE OF LLM STYLE AIS & VIDCOM GRAPHICS MODDING

The following article has been originally published on www.vrdesigns.net on new year’s eve 2025. It addresses concerns about including pre-generated images made with an AI in the Shadow Empire game.

In 2025 when I added a lot of new “Danger events” Vidcom Illustrations and we also updated the Steam store page to better communicate that we are using AI generated graphics. This caused quite a discussion about LLM usage and a true little storm of criticism on some forum threads from a smaller but still sizable part of the SE players.

I have refrained from going into direct forum or social media debates about the pros and cons of using AI generated art. I think anybody interested in such a discussion is already quite aware of the arguments on each side of the divide.

Also I strongly feel that players have the privilege to vent their frustrations and viewpoints. As Voltaire said, and I paraphrase: I will always defend your right to say what I don't like to hear... I heartily concur with that. Furthermore I cannot really enter in a "thread-war" and stay civil at the same time. People call you a thief, and I say I hear you, they call me a criminal, etc... and at some point I would reply something insulting... and I really don't want to enter any mudfights. As we all know: the mud sticks on all the participants.

However I have been reading all the negative postings over the last year...as well as the positive postings, sometimes even defending me. Thanks for that. It always brings a smile to my face. And also thanks for the criticisms, it did make me think. And that is always a good thing.

I want to use this weblog posting to give a reply to most of what has been said and what the player base should expect from me concerning AI generation. First of all... I love procedural design and Shadow Empire leans heavily in this direction. The emergence of LLMs interests me a lot as they are, I feel, in essence very close to procedural world creation. If I can use them to improve my procedural systems or increase the visual communication of my procedural systems I am likely to do so. The goal for me is to get the Planet and your little empire you are playing as immersive as possible.

I thought everybody would agree with that... that for example for the event "alien critter infestation" an AI-gen illustration would be preferred above no illustration at all. Obviously I was wrong there. But I still believe this is better. Now, I just believe that not everybody agrees with me. I understand why some of you are allergic to AI-gen art and very strongly feel it's an abomination and a soulless threat that threatens to devour us all. That it deserves a Butlerian Jihad! I understand, but I don't agree. I still feel a middle ground in usage is possible.

There are also people who say that if I use AI-gen that I should make better use of it to actually have quality artwork and not people with six fingers, so to speak. This is something that I actually agree with and for the next

graphics iteration, scheduled for *Republica* release, Q1-Q2, there should be improvements. And future iterations will probably be generated in the years to come when LLMs have made more big leaps. For better or worse it looks like the LLM generated stuff, their coherence among each other, and their eventual adherence to large reference portfolios, specification texts and contextual rulesets will only improve.

What excites me the most about the LLMs however is that it allows non-artists to create graphics and picture specific scenes they have in their minds' eye. They have it in their minds' eye, but they miss the artistic talent to visualize it for others to see. Well with AI-gen that problem is solved. And for this purpose I have done a major rewrite of the NewGfx Vidcom algorithms to allow unlimited modder-generated graphics to be added. This is not a simple case of allowing people to replace the existing art, which they could of course do, but the possibility of adding on top of it.

For example it is possible for a modder to create extra Vidcom variants for all the scenes that are outside (on the Planet surface; not in a bunker) and get them rendered as jungles. In that case the new gfx files would need a Filevar attached that would permit them being used only if the planet has alien trees. With these modder graphics added to the default graphics set the game would choose the new jungle ones if the condition set for it in the Filevar is true.

For example another modder could go so far as to make a specific jungle set with red lighting because of the Planet orbiting a red Sun. The Filevars system would allow it to only be shown if the alien tree condition and the red sun condition are both true.

Or for a more mundane, but extremely interesting, example a player could make a directory with say 100 paintings, and have it referenced from other Vidcom graphics then get random paintings displayed on a, say, interior wall or office wall. The painting curation and picks could be made conditional with the Filevar system.

I hope that some sort of collective graphics modding will become possible. It might provide fun moments to add to the immersion of Shadow Empire. I am not looking for unpaid artists here! As some critics might point out... But I am curious to see what modders will come up with. That is my main drive here. I like to be surprised. Heck, that's why I like procedural creation in the first place.

For those that cannot stand AI art I am working hard on making it possible to disable all AI-generated art if the player wishes to do so. It is already possible for Portraits and Vidcom graphics and as it looks now this will be possible for the Stratagem art as well upon the next major core version upgrade and release of *Republica* DLC.

Another thing I want to say is that yes... I could have hired human artists. Yes. But currently I am counting towards 200 Vidcom graphics and 500 Stratagem graphics upon *Republica* release. My budget just doesn't allow that and neither does my time planning. As it would take any single artist a really long long time to draw all that. Not sure anybody would really want to do that job without an AI assistant actually. The current approach also allows me to quickly generate new graphics whenever I do an impulsive addition of a new event or Stratagem.


So yes I thought about using human artists and yes I am sympathetic, but it would only work with a much lower graphics count.

I am still looking for a way to invest part of my revenue, equal to my former "human" art budgets, into real human artists and painters. We'll get back on that topic after the *Republica* DLC release. In the meantime I can at least give the positive news that the 9 new music tracks that will be added with *Republica* are completely human made by our own Shadow Empire musician.

Now one more thing... I just have to point it out... the existing art that is being replaced was really not that super amazing. Most of it is actually copy-paste or collage-style-applied "stock art" and renders of stock-3d objects. I know some of you like its charm and I will try to continue to bring some new versions of this "programmer art" as some called it, to provide an alternative for AI-gen art. I will keep as much fallback option through the Prefs Tab as I can, without going to extremes though.

I have been trying to please everybody, but will obviously not succeed 100% with that. So I am more moving towards trying to please as many as possible, including my own preferences, which weigh, not surprisingly, quite heavily, in those calculations of optimum pleasing.

I think it is important to state my design philosophy concerning LLMs clearly. I will make my games and their rules myself and I will never use the prompt "make me a game". When (and if) that day comes I'll move on to



do something else anyway. Maybe take up teaching? take long walks? Plenty of options available!

Anywho, I am getting off topic. The bottom line is: The game and the rules and how instances of things (classes) are procedurally generated are all written with clear human intent by me, Vic. If I can however use an LLM to provide variety or immersion with, for example: an often-reused image, an existing class instance, an alien critter instance, a decision event of minor worker strikes or whatever sort of thing like that, I will probably consider doing that.

I aim to provide more immersion and if it is a choice between AI-generated/assisted immersion.. Or... no extra immersion at all... I will choose the former.

That's basically my core design philosophy concerning AI usage. Creative and mechanical direction rests with me. AI can be used to provide details and immersion, especially where otherwise none would be. I don't know what the future will bring us.... and I do see how artist jobs are threatened by LLMs and I am trying over the coming years to offset similar modest sums as previous pre-AI SE graphics budgets to be allocated to human artist(s) so I stay more or less "carbon" neutral.

Best wishes,

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